

## Boy Meets World

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Prince William and his wife Kate presented their newborn son to the world for the first time Tuesday, drawing whoops and wild applause from well-wishers as they revealed the new face of the British monarchy — though not, yet, his name.



The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge leave the Lindo Wing of St Mary's Hospital in London Tuesday July 23 2013, carrying their new-born son, the Prince of Cambridge, into public view for the first time. (AP Photo/J. Brady PA)

"We're still working on a name. So we'll have that as soon as we can," William told scores of reporters gathered outside St. Mary's Hospital as he cradled the child.

The young family's debut public appearance was the moment the world's media had been waiting for, but the royal couple showed no sign of stress in the face of dozens of flashing cameras. Instead the couple, both 31, laughed and joked with reporters as they took turns holding their baby son, who appeared to doze through it all.

"He's got her looks, thankfully," William said, referring to his wife, the Duchess of Cambridge.

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Huma Abedin, alongside her husband, New York mayoral candidate Anthony Weiner, speaks during a news conference at the Gay Men's Health Crisis headquarters, Tuesday, July 23, 2013, in New York. The former congressman says he's not dropping out of the New York City mayoral race in light of newly revealed explicit online correspondence with a young woman.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

## NYC mayor candidate again in sex chat scandal

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City mayoral candidate Anthony Weiner said Tuesday he won't drop out despite the revelation of racy correspondence with a young woman — which she says began months after he resigned from the U.S. Congress for similar behavior.

"This is entirely behind me," Weiner told a news conference, just hours after he confirmed exchanging sexually explicit photos and text messages online. "There was no question that what I did was wrong,"

he added.

He resigned his Congressional seat in June 2011 after acknowledging having sexual correspondence, including a photo of a man's bulging underwear, with at least a half-dozen women. In recent months, he has re-emerged to become a leading candidate for mayor.

Three of his rivals immediately called on Weiner to quit the race.

The 48-year-old Weiner acknowledged some of the activity took place as recently last summer, more

than a year after he resigned from Congress — and after he and his wife sat down for a glowing People magazine profile in which they said their troubles were behind them.

"I said that other texts and photos were likely to come out and today they have," Weiner said in a statement issued by his campaign earlier in the day. He also said "some things posted today are true and some are not," but he did not elaborate.

His wife, Huma Abedin, a longtime adviser to former

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, stood by him during his comments, at times smiling nervously, and made rare public statements on her husband's behavior.

"I love him. I have forgiven him. And as we have said from the beginning, we are moving forward," Abedin said. She acknowledged that Weiner "made some horrible mistakes, both before he resigned Congress and after."

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# William, Kate, show off their royal newborn son

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The newborn prince squirmed in his arms and poked a tiny hand out of his swaddling blanket, almost like a little royal wave. "He's got a good pair of lungs on him, that's for sure," William added with a grin. "He's a big boy. He's quite heavy." The infant is third in line to

become monarch one day, after his grandfather, Prince Charles, and William. But for now, the media and the public were focused on getting all the details of new parenthood they could from the couple: How they feel, what the baby looks like, and even who changed the diapers. Kate, wearing a simple baby blue dress, said William had already had a go

at changing the first one. "He's very good at it," she said. Asked how she felt, she said: "It's very emotional. It's such a special time. I think any parent will know what this feeling feels like." And William poked fun at his own lack of hair when he responded with a wink to a reporter's question about the baby's locks: "He's got way more than

me, thank God." It was a much more relaxed scene than the one when Princess Diana and Prince Charles carried their newborn son, William, out to pose for photographs on the same hospital steps in 1982. Charles, wearing a dark suit, tie and boutonniere, spoke awkwardly to reporters. By contrast, William, dressed in jeans and

a blue shirt with the sleeves rolled up, joked with the assembled media and addressed some by name. At his side, Kate waved and smiled broadly, the blue sapphire engagement ring that had been Diana's on her finger. The photographs snapped Tuesday are likely to be reprinted for decades as the baby grows into adulthood and his role as a future king, and onlookers were elated to witness the historic moment.

"William gave us a wave as they drove away, so it was perfect. Days like this really bring the country together," said Katie Allan, 26, from Bristol, England. The couple re-entered the hospital to place the child in a car seat before re-emerging to get into a black Range Rover. With William at the wheel, they drove away. Palace officials said they will head to an apartment in Kensington Palace and spend the night there.

The birth marks a new chapter for William and Kate, who had enjoyed a quiet life away from the public eye in Anglesey, Wales, since their wedding in April 2011.

The couple had been living in a small Welsh cottage while William — known as Flight Lieutenant Wales — completed his term as a search-and-rescue pilot.

Now that they are a family, they are moving to a much larger apartment in Kensington Palace in central London, where William spent most of his childhood and where it will be much more difficult to keep a low profile and avoid the press. Earlier Tuesday, William's father, Charles, and his wife, Camilla, as well as Michael and Carole Middleton — Kate's parents — visited the young family at the hospital.

Charles called the baby "marvelous," while a beaming Carole Middleton described the infant as "absolutely beautiful."

It was not immediately clear when Queen Elizabeth II would meet the newborn heir. □



Britain's Prince William carries his new born son, the Prince of Cambridge, who was born on Monday, into public view for the first time outside the Lindo Wing of St. Mary's Hospital, in London, Tuesday, July 23, 2013. The boy will be third in line to the British throne. (AP Photo/John Stillwell, Pool)

## Brazil police: Francis security 'positive' rating

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Even though Pope Francis' motorcade ended up stalled on a traffic-choked street and swarmed by thousands of faithful, Brazilian officials said Tuesday they evaluated security for the pontiff's arrival in Rio as "positive." The frenzied crowd surrounded the motorcade Monday afternoon as people reached inside to touch Francis, snap photos

with their phones or hand him babies to kiss — scenes that alarmed some onlookers, although the pope himself seemed overjoyed with the raucous welcome and kept his car window down. Francis later moved through the masses in an open-air vehicle. Early Tuesday, Brazilian security forces blamed each other for the lapse, and no one took responsibility for the traffic fiasco, which began when the driver of the pope's car made a wrong turn.

Later though, federal police, who are in charge of most of Francis' security, took an upbeat tone. The agency said a meeting was held with officials from a federal agency overseeing megaevents that Brazil is hosting over the next few years, the highway police who played a role in the motorcade's planning and the Rio mayor's office to evaluate the security provided. "The evaluation was positive, since there was no incident involving the pope

or with any of the faithful," an emailed note read. It added that the swarming and halting of the motorcade "occurred for a number of reasons, in particular the options of the Vatican itself, concerning the visibility and contact with the pilgrims, expressed by the pope himself. The reduced speed of the motorcade and the vehicle's open window are facts revealing the profile of this pontiff and the encouragement given to the faithful to approach." □



## Weiner won't drop from NYC mayor's race

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She did not appear with him at the raucous news conference when he stepped down from Congress.

Abedin, whose parents are Indian and Pakistani and who spent most of her childhood in Saudi Arabia, was pregnant when the sexting scandal broke in 2011 and gave birth months later. "It took a lot of work and a lot of therapy to get to the place where I could forgive Anthony," she said.

After they walked away from the news conference, out of sight of the crowd, Weiner put his arm around her.

He then attended a mayoral forum and was warmly received.

The new allegations could severely test voters' willingness to forgive Weiner, who has said he spent the two years since the original scandal trying to make things right with his wife and earn redemption.

The newly revealed correspondence was posted Monday by the gossip website The Dirty. The woman involved was not identified. She said their online relationship began in July 2012, when she was 22, and lasted for six months.

She claimed Weiner used the alias "Carlos Danger" for their exchanges, but she knew she was talking to the former congressman.

The woman claimed that she and Weiner exchanged nude photos of themselves and engaged in frequent phone sex. The Dirty ran a pixelated photo of what appears to be a man's genitals.

The exchanges posted on The Dirty consist of sexually explicit fantasizing about various sex acts. At one point, the man reported to be Weiner wrote, "I'm deeply flawed."

"This was a bad situation for me because I really admired him." □

## Flight data recorder found after NYC gear collapse

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. investigators have recovered the flight data and cockpit voice recorders of a plane whose front landing gear collapsed, sending it skidding along the tarmac at New York City's LaGuardia Airport.

The recorders were recovered Tuesday, a day after the hard landing injured 10

and caused the airport's temporary closure.

The nose gear of Southwest Airlines Flight 345 arriving from Tennessee collapsed Monday right after the plane touched down on the runway, officials said.

"When we got ready to land, we nosedived," said a passenger, Anniebell Hanna.

Six of the injured were taken to a hospital with minor

injuries, said Thomas Bosco, acting director of aviation for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which oversees the area airports.

Bosco said there was no advance warning of any possible problem.

He said the nose gear of the plane collapsed when it landed, and "the aircraft skidded down the runway on its nose and then veered

off and came to rest in the grass area."

Both of the airport's runways were back in use by Tuesday morning, a Port Authority spokesman said. Southwest said 150 people were on the flight, while the Port Authority said the total was 149.

The landing gear collapse came 16 days after Asiana Flight 214 crash-landed at San Francisco's airport, killing two Chinese teenagers; a third was killed when a fire truck ran over her while responding to the crash, authorities said. Dozens of people were injured in that landing, which involved a Boeing 777 flying from South Korea.

Longtime pilot Patrick Smith, author of "Cockpit Confidential: Everything You Need to Know About Air Travel. Questions, Answers, and Reflections" and AskthePilot.com, said landing gear issues are not high on the list of worries for pilots.

"From a pilot's perspective, this is nearly a non-issue," he said. "They make for good television, but this is far down the list of nightmares for pilots." □



NTSB agents investigate an accident involving nose-gear collapse of a southwest airlines plane, Tuesday, July 23, 2013, in New York. The flight data and cockpit voice recorders were recovered Tuesday, a day after the hard landing injured 10 and caused the airport's temporary closure.

(AP Photo/NTSB)

## 44 rescued from Gulf rig after natural gas blast

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**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Natural gas spewed uncontrolled from a well of the Louisiana coast on Tuesday after a blowout that forced the evacuation of 44 workers aboard a drilling rig, authorities said.

No injuries were reported in the midmorning blowout and there was no fire as of Tuesday evening at the site, about 55 miles (88.5 kilometers) off the Louisiana coast in the Gulf of Mexico. Experts from Wild Well Control Inc. were to assess the well site overnight and develop a plan to shut down the flow of gas, said Jim Noe, executive vice president of Hercules Offshore Inc., owner of the drilling rig where the blowout occurred.

Noe stressed that gas, not oil, was flowing from the well. He said it's an important distinction because

gas wells in relatively shallow areas — this one was in 154 feet (47 meters) of water — sometimes tend to clog with sand, effectively snuffing themselves out.

"That is a distinct possibility at this point," he said. The Coast Guard and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, or BSEE, kept state and coastal officials apprised of the well's status.

"According to federal officials, there is no imminent danger at this time," said Kevin Davis, head of the Louisiana governor's homeland security office said.

Still, the Coast Guard kept nautical traffic out of an area within 500 meters of the site, where the spewing gas posed a fire hazard. The Federal Aviation Administration restricted aircraft up to 2,000 feet (610 meters) above the area. BSEE said a firefighting vessel with

water and foam capabilities would reach the scene by Tuesday night.

BSEE said inspectors flying over the site soon after the blowout saw a light sheen covering the area.

However, it was dissipating quickly.

Earlier this month, a gas well flowed for several days before being sealed off the Louisiana coast.

In 2010, an oil rig exploded off the state's coast, leading to a blowout that spewed millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf in the worst offshore disaster in the United States.

Coastal officials stressed that Tuesday's blowout was nothing of that magnitude.

Tuesday's blowout occurred near an unmanned offshore gas platform that was not currently producing natural gas, said Eileen Angelico, spokeswoman for the bureau. The workers were aboard a portable

drilling rig known as a jack-up rig, owned by Hercules, which was a contractor for exploration and production company Walter Oil & Gas Corp.

Walter Oil & Gas reported to the BSEE that the rig was completing a "sidetrack well" — a means of re-entering the original well bore, Angelico said.

The purpose of the sidetrack well in this instance was not immediately clear. A spokesman for the corporation didn't have the information Tuesday night. Industry websites say sidetrack wells are sometimes drilled to remedy a problem with the existing well bore.

"It's a way to overcome an engineering problem with the original well," Ken Medlock, an energy expert at Rice University's Baker Institute said. "They're not drilled all the time, but it's not new." □



# US Homeland Security official probed for wrongdoing

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Barack Obama's choice to be the No. 2 official at the Homeland Security Department is under investigation for his role in helping a company run by a brother of former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, The Associated Press has learned.

Alejandro Mayorkas, director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, is being investigated for his role in helping the company secure an international investor visa for a Chinese executive, according to congressional officials briefed on the investigation. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release details

of the investigation.

Mayorkas was named by Homeland Security's Inspector General's Office as a target in an investigation involving the foreign investor program run by USCIS, according to an email sent to lawmakers late Monday.

The IG's office said, "At this point in our investigation, we do not have any findings of criminal misconduct." The email did not specify any criminal allegations it might be investigating.

White House press secretary Jay Carney referred questions to the inspector general's office, which said that the probe is in its preliminary stage and that it doesn't comment on the specifics of investigations. The investigation does not

appear to have any direct ties to Clinton's tenure as secretary of state. But the connection to her brother

Anthony Rodham's company could provide new fodder for Republican-aligned political groups

a Democratic Party donor. Another of Hillary Clinton's brothers, Hugh Rodham, had been hired by the donor to lobby for the commutation. Mayorkas told lawmakers during his 2009 confirmation hearing that "it was a mistake" to talk to the White House about the request.

If Mayorkas were confirmed as Homeland Security's deputy secretary, he probably would run the department until a permanent replacement was approved to take over for departing Secretary Janet Napolitano.

The email to lawmakers said the primary complaint against him was that he helped the financing company win approval for an investor visa, even after the application was denied and an appeal was rejected.

Anthony Rodham is president and CEO of Gulf Coast Funds Management LLC in McLean, Va. The firm is one of hundreds of "Regional Centers" that pool investments from foreign nationals looking to invest in U.S. businesses or industries as part of the foreign investor visa program.

In an emailed statement Tuesday, the firm's general counsel, D. Simone Williams, said the company was not aware of the investigation. □



**Alejandro Mayorkas listens to a question on Capitol Hill in Washington. Mayorkas, President Barack Obama's choice to be the No. 2 official at the Homeland Security Department is under investigation for his role in helping a company secure an international investor visa for a Chinese executive, The Associated Press has learned.**

(AP Photo/Harry Hamburg)

seeking to discredit the former first lady, who is considered a possible contender for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016.

Clinton, who stepped down as secretary of state on Feb. 1, has recently been maintaining a lower profile of private speeches and work on a new book. Mayorkas, a former U.S. attorney in California, has previously come under criticism for his involvement in the commutation by President Bill Clinton of the prison sentence of the son of

## Release sought for 8 young protesters the at US border

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**PHOENIX (AP)** — Eight young protesters who were detained at a U.S. border crossing while protesting immigration policies are seeking asylum.

All were born in Mexico but were brought to the U.S. illegally when they were children. They wore graduation caps and gowns to show they are productive members of society. They had left the U.S. to try and re-enter from Mexico.

The group is drawing attention to the huge jump in deportations carried out under the Obama administration, and reaffirming

their attachment to the country where they were raised.

Attorney Margo Cowan said Tuesday that U.S. immigration officers turned down her clients' request for "humanitarian parole" that would temporarily allow them to come into the country, so she is now seeking asylum.

Cowan said she would seek her clients' release from an immigration detention center while the application is pending.

"They certainly can't be considered a flight risk because they asked the U.S. to admit them," Cowan said. □

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# White House slams GOP plan for immigrants

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A White House senior adviser on Tuesday accused the House Republicans of "cruel hypocrisy" for contemplating legal status for unauthorized immigrants brought to the U.S. as children - without also legalizing their parents. Dan Pfeiffer said by Twitter that the plan boils down to allowing some kids to stay while deporting their parents. Pfeiffer's comment comes as the House Judiciary Committee prepares to convene a hearing on what to do about immigrants brought illegally to the U.S. as children. House Republican leaders have endorsed a path to citizenship for some of these immigrants. But Democrats and immigration advocates say that's not enough. They are holding out for comprehensive legislation offering citizenship to all 11 million immigrants here illegally, like the Senate has passed. Many House Republicans

oppose that approach. That left prospects cloudy for one of President Barack Obama's top second-term priorities. Congress is preparing to break for a monthlong summer recess at the end of next week without action in the full House on any immigration legislation, even after the Senate passed a sweeping bipartisan bill last month to secure the borders and create a path to citizenship for immigrants already in the country illegally. The back-and-forth began hours before the House Judiciary Committee opened a hearing Tuesday afternoon on the question of legal status for immigrants brought here as children. House Republican leaders have embraced offering citizenship to such immigrants, and Majority Leader Eric Cantor is working on a bill toward the goal along with Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte. They haven't released their bill yet but that didn't stop Democrats from dismissing it even before the hear-

ing began, saying that any solution that doesn't offer citizenship to all 11 million

senior adviser Dan Pfeiffer slammed "the cruel hypocrisy of the (Republican)



Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Colo., listens at left as Rep. Cory Gardner, D-Colo., testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, July 23, 2013, before the House Judiciary subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security hearing on "Addressing the Immigration Status of Illegal Immigrants Brought to the United States as Children". (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

immigrants here illegally falls short. Over Twitter, White House

immigration plan: allow some kids to stay but deport their parents."□

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# Bicyclist pleads guilty to vehicular manslaughter

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Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A bicyclist pleaded guilty to vehicular manslaughter after running down a 71-year-old pedestrian in what San Francisco's top prosecutor said Tuesday appeared to be the first such conviction of its kind in the U.S. Under the unusual plea deal last week, Chris Bucchere, 37, would not serve any jail time and instead would be sentenced to three years of probation and sentenced to 1,000 hours of community service in the death of Sut-chi Hui of San Bruno, District Attorney George Gascon said. "Our goal is to send a message to cyclists about safety," Gascon said. "Just because you are riding a bicycle doesn't mean all bets are off. All of the rules of the road that apply to everyone else apply to you, too." A software engineer from San Francisco, Bucchere

had been riding recklessly and had run three red lights when he struck Hui as he and his wife crossed a street in the Castro District on March 29, 2012, prosecutors said. Hui died four days later of injuries from the collision. His wife was not hurt. Bucchere's attorney, Ted Cassman, did not immediately return calls seeking comment. Hui's family has filed a civil suit against Bucchere regarding the fatality. Gascon said the victim's family did not want to see Bucchere incarcerated and prosecutors did not think a judge would sentence him to jail time, so they offered probation and community service in the plea deal. Gascon added that they did not want to risk a possible not guilty verdict at a trial. "We believe this is the best outcome for this type of case," he said.□

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## Michelle Obama speaks on gun violence

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — It's a second term for Michelle Obama, too, and she's shifting her social-issues emphasis to kids and gun violence after spending four years stressing better physical fitness for the young.

A meeting with high school students from a poor, gang-infested neighborhood in Chicago, her hometown, led Mrs. Obama to put a new spin on the stalled legislative debate over whether to ban firearms or impose new background checks on people who want to buy guns.

A mother to a teen and a tween, Mrs. Obama argues that the debate also is about the country's obligation to help kids like these grow up and become adults. Several of the school's current and former students were killed by gunfire within the past year.

The first lady faces the issue of immigration Tuesday when she gives the keynote speech at the annual conference of the Na-

tional Council of La Raza, a Latino advocacy group. Immigration is one of President Barack Obama's top second-term priorities.

Aides say the first lady isn't making gun violence a

ward-trained lawyer who some say has played it safe is showing a willingness to step outside of her comfort zone.

She'll need to tread carefully, though. Americans



**First lady Michelle Obama speaks at the annual meeting of the National Council of La Raza, in New Orleans Tuesday, July 23, 2013. The conference and a related "Family Expo" were expected to draw an estimated 25,000 participants.**

(AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

new and distinct issue, but is folding it into her work encouraging youth to focus on getting an education. By reaching beyond the pair of relatively safe issues she has pushed — reducing childhood obesity and rallying public support for military families — the Har-

tend to prefer that their first ladies leave the heavier policy lifting to the president.

Rosalynn Carter was criticized for attending Cabinet meetings and Hillary Rodham Clinton was pilloried for running a health care task force in secret. □

## Ex-partner accuses Bulger of pedophilia in mafia trial

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**BOSTON (AP)** — James "Whitey" Bulger's former partner in crime spent hours Tuesday combatively sticking to his story that Bulger strangled two young women — and even claimed that fugitive former crime lord was a pedophile. Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi made the accusation as Bulger's lawyer aggressively questioned him about his admission that he had engaged in oral sex with his girlfriend's teenage daughter, Deborah Hussey, in the 1970s.

"You want to talk about pedophilia — right over there at that table," Flemmi said, gesturing toward Bulger, seated at the defense table. Earlier Tuesday, Flemmi had said that Bulger had a 16-year-old girlfriend he took to Mexico on vacation with him.

Bulger, who exchanged obscenities with Flemmi shortly after he began testifying last week, glanced over at Flemmi when he made the remark, but the defendant did not have any visible reaction. Bulger, 83, is accused of participating in 19 killings during the 1970s and '80s while leading the notorious Winter Hill Gang. He fled Boston in 1994 and was one of America's most-wanted fugitives until he was captured in California two years ago.

The Winter Hill Gang saga inspired the 2006 Martin Scorsese film "The Departed," with Jack Nicholson playing a Bulger-like Irish-American gangster. Bulger's lawyer, Hank Brennan, pressed Flemmi on his assertion that Bulger strangled Hussey in 1985 because she was using drugs, getting arrested and drop-

ping their names when she got in trouble.

Brennan suggested that Flemmi, not Bulger, killed Hussey after she told her mother he had molested her.

Brennan also pointed out inconsistencies in Flemmi's testimony about both Hussey's killing and the murder of Debra Davis, another Flemmi girlfriend. Both Hussey and Davis were 26 when they were killed.

Bulger has strongly denied killing the women.

Flemmi testified that Bulger strangled both women with his hands, but Brennan pointed out that he had testified during earlier civil and criminal trials that Bulger used a rope.

Flemmi insisted that the inconsistencies were due to "inadvertent mistakes" he made during his testimony and that he was telling the truth about Bulger killing the two women.

Tuesday was Flemmi's fourth day testifying at Bulger's racketeering trial. Flemmi, 79, has pleaded guilty to 10 murders and is serving a life sentence. He was due back on the witness stand Wednesday.

Testifying Monday, Flemmi said Hussey's mother, Marion, had been his live-in girlfriend since Hussey was a toddler and that she had called him "Daddy."

On Tuesday, Flemmi said Deborah Hussey was 17 or 18 at the time of their sexual contact.

He interrupted Brennan repeatedly and insisted he did not sexually abuse Hussey.

"I wouldn't say molested — consensual," he said.

Flemmi said Bulger decided Hussey had to be killed and said he went along with it "reluctantly." □

## Suspected teen killer shot by police

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**Associated Press**

**SAGINAW, Texas (AP)** — A U.S. teenager suspected of suffocating his 6-year-old neighbor with plastic bags and dumping the girl not far from her home was shot in the head in an exchange of gunfire with police.

Tyler Holder, 17, was hospitalized, but authorities have not released his condition. A police detective was seriously wounded but was expected to recover. The police team had gone to Holder's home in Texas to serve search warrants. Authorities suspect Holder

sexually assaulted and suffocated Alanna Gallagher, who was found with plastic bags taped around her neck, a capital murder arrest warrant affidavit says. Holder's DNA matched evidence found on the girl's body and on a belt wrapped around the tarp, according to the affidavit.

Two teenagers three weeks ago found the girl's naked body, which was stuffed in a large trash bag, wrapped in a tarp and dumped on a street.

Police also are trying to determine who set fire to

a makeshift memorial for the girl and burned a car owned by the girl's family. Holder lives two doors down from the house where Alanna lived with her family. She had been playing outside the afternoon she went missing, and a neighbor told authorities that the girl was last seen by Holder's flower beds, according to the affidavit.

The affidavit says Holder told neighbors that the child found dead was Alanna before authorities had revealed the victim's identity. □



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WASHINGTON - When Denis R. McDonough, the White House chief of staff, first saw the document in a meeting in the Roosevelt Room, he immediately dispatched his aides to the West Wing basement to get copies for all of President Barack

Americans will be required to obtain private health coverage in government-run marketplaces. Getting it right - or wrong - will help determine Obama's place in history. Enter the Obama-care team, some two dozen political operators and data-crunching technocrats charged with car-

is first trying to find in the next year 2.7 million uninsured people between 18 and 34, most of whom are healthy. Just as Obama's electoral success hinged on the turnout machine he created in Chicago, the fate of the health care law now rests on whether his administration can turn out

Point presentations, Simas rattles off statistics from individual census tracts, like one in Texas that has 6,737 uninsured blacks 18 to 35 - exactly the kind of people he needs to find.

In this case the front door is a website, healthcare.gov, where the uninsured can sign up for health plans starting Oct. 1. For now, the website is full of what the White House hopes is non-threatening, user-friendly information. The goal is to make shopping for health care as easy as buying a book on Amazon. On a large whiteboard in his West Wing basement office, Simas sketched out the simple website screens for buying health care that visitors should see in October. "I'm militant about the language," he said. "I am a tyrant. I want it to be simple, easy."

The team has spent months

coordinating with insurance companies, state officials, pharmacies, local health centers, hospitals, mayors and sports teams. Tara McGuinness, the chief communications officer for the effort, has a spreadsheet showing some of the thousands of Walgreens pharmacies that are to help spread the word. In Kentucky, organizers are planning to pass out information at the state's popular bourbon festivals.

The federal government has already set up call centers to field questions about the law, allocated \$150 million to hire workers at community health centers to help administer the rollout, and created "red teams" of computer specialists operating out of a building in the suburb of Columbia, Md., as a strike force to confront technical problems. □



White House staff go over issues with the Affordable Care Act, in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building next to the White House in Washington. With the health care rollout on Oct. 1, an Obama administration team of political operators and data-crunching technocrats is working to sell the law to Americans.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

Obama's top advisers. Royal blue and emblazoned with the White House seal, the "Official Affordable Care Act Enrollment Countdown" is a paper calendar that keeps track of the time before uninsured Americans can begin signing up for coverage under the president's signature health care law. On Tuesday, the top page said simply: "70 Days Left." The message is clear. Few things are more important to the White House this year than a successful health care rollout Oct. 1, when millions of uninsured

rying out the biggest health care overhaul since Medicare in the 1960s - but with more pitfalls. Their job is to sell the law to large numbers of Americans who remain divided about its value and wary of its impact. Republicans have called it a "train wreck," particularly after the administration announced a politically damaging one-year delay in a key provision of the law. Working out of war rooms in the West Wing basement, the Eisenhower Executive Office Building and the Department of Health and Human Services, the team

the uninsured and have them enroll.

"The key for us is to take this out of the abstract and make it very, very, very real," one of the leaders of the effort, David Simas, told a dozen White House aides during a strategy session in a conference room in the West Wing last week.

Simas, a top strategic adviser to the president, was in charge of the 2012 Obama campaign's data collection and microtargeting effort. His challenge now is to apply the same techniques to the health care law.

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# Syria opposition: Hezbollah must stand trial

ZEINA KARAM

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — The Syrian opposition said Tuesday that Lebanese Hezbollah leaders should be put on trial for fighting on the government's side in the Syrian civil war.

The surge in Hezbollah involvement has coincided with a turn in the tide of the fighting in favor of President Bashar Assad's forces and may be a factor in it. Also Tuesday, a United Nations delegation tasked with investigating the use of chemical weapons landed in Lebanon on its way for its first trip to Syria. Hezbollah's active support of Assad's forces has fanned the flames of sectarian tensions in the region. The Syrian conflict, now in its third year, is increasingly being fought along sectarian lines, pitting Sunni against Shiite Muslims, spilling over into Lebanon.

The overwhelmingly Sunni rebels fighting to topple Assad see Hezbollah's involvement as a declaration of war.

"We call for Hezbollah leaders to be put on trial for the terrorist crimes they committed on Syrian territory," a statement issued by the Western-backed Syrian National Coalition, Syria's main opposition group, said Tuesday.

The European Union placed Hezbollah's military wing on its terror list Monday after diplomatic pressure from the U.S. and Israel.

Some European countries pushed for EU action citing a terrorist attack in Bulgaria's Black Sea resort of Burgas last year that killed five Israeli tourists and a Bulgarian. Hezbollah's military wing was accused of involvement, an allegation

it denied.

Several EU nations have pointed to Hezbollah's involvement in Syria as further reason for the move. The opposition group hailed the EU decision but stressed the need for European countries to take

"concrete steps that would contribute to stopping the militia's involvement in Syria." Iran and Syria said Tuesday that the EU's decision serves Israel's interests. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Araghchi told a news conference in Tehran that the designation was "strange" and "uncalculated" and won't change Hezbollah's "popular and justice-seeking identity." □



British Foreign Secretary William Hague, right, talks with Luxembourg's Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn during the EU foreign ministers meeting at the European Council building in Brussels, Monday, July 22, 2013. The European Union placed the military wing of Hezbollah, the Lebanese Shiite militant group and political party, on its terror list earlier this week in a major policy change toward the Middle East.

(AP Photo/Yves Logghe)

## Dutch court blocks extradition of terror suspect

MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Dutch judges blocked the extradition Tuesday of a terror suspect to the United States, saying he was tortured in Pakistan after his 2010 arrest and it

is unclear whether American authorities had any involvement.

The Hague Court of Appeal ruling was a significant victory for the man identified only as Sabir K. in his attempts to avoid being sent for trial in America,

but Dutch authorities can still launch a final appeal to the country's Supreme Court.

"He is very satisfied that the role of the Americans is finally being looked at in a critical light," his lawyer Andre Seebregts said. "He has said from the very beginning that the Americans were involved."

Sabir K., who has Dutch and Pakistani nationality, was arrested in Pakistan in 2010 and expelled to the Netherlands in 2011. U.S. authorities accuse him of working with al-Qaida from 2004 to 2010, and of plotting a suicide attack on an American military base in Afghanistan.

In a statement, the Hague appellate court said that U.S. authorities had issued an arrest warrant for K. three days after his detention in Pakistan.

But it went on to say that circumstances of K.'s arrest and detention "raised questions" among the

judges, who cited international human rights groups as saying terror suspects are "almost without exception tortured" if detained in Pakistan.

"If the U.S. asked Pakistan to arrest K., knowing he would be tortured by the secret service, this would be a reason to block the extradition," the court said. Judges had asked the Dutch government to seek clarification from U.S. authorities about their role in the detention, but Dutch justice and security ministry officials refused, saying they did not see the necessity of the request.

The government's refusal meant "uncertainty remained about the involvement of the U.S. in the torture of K.," the court said as it blocked his extradition. Dutch Security and Justice Ministry spokeswoman Sentina van der Meer said officials were studying the ruling and had no further comment. □

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## Death toll from 2-day clashes in Egypt rises to 11



Supporters of Egypt's ousted President Mohammed Morsi sleep on the street where protesters have set up a camp near Cairo University in Giza, Egypt, Tuesday, July 23, 2013. Overnight clashes between supporters and opponents of the country's ousted president near the main campus of Cairo University left many dead, according to a senior medical official.

(AP Photo/Khalil Hamra)

HAMZA HENDAWI  
Associated Press  
CAIRO (AP) — The death toll from two days of clashes between supporters and

opponents of Egypt's ousted president rose to 11 on Tuesday, most killed in pre-dawn street battles near a pro-Mohammed Morsi pro-

test camp as the country remained mired in deadly turmoil three weeks after the military overthrew the Islamist leader.

The bloodshed is widening the divisions between Morsi's supporters and the military-backed administration that took over after he was toppled and diminishing the chances of reconciliation.

Fueling the anger is the continued detention of Morsi, the country's first freely elected leader, who has been held incommunicado and without charge. Violence has frequently broken out amid persistent

rival demonstrations between the two sides, but the running street battles that began before dawn on Tuesday were among the most intense since the crisis began on July 3.

Clashes broke out after Morsi supporters began marching from their sit-in outside the main campus of Cairo university to a nearby mosque.

Security officials said the fighting turned deadly after masked gunmen appeared at the scene and started shooting at the Morsi supporters with live ammunition and birdshot. The officials, who spoke

on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information, had no word on the identity of the gunmen. The Muslim Brotherhood, however, blamed the killings on "thugs" sponsored by the Interior Ministry, a charge the Islamist group from which Morsi hails often uses to dismiss the notion that it was at odds with other segments of the population.

Khaled el-Khateeb, who heads the Health Ministry's emergency and intensive care department, said six people were killed near the pro-Morsi sit-in. □

## Rocket attack in Tripoli hits near luxury Corinthia Hotel

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TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — A rocket-propelled grenade struck a building in Libya's capital Tuesday next to a luxury hotel where the prime minister has an apartment, a military official said. No injuries were immediately reported. The attack in Tripoli lightly damaged an apartment building next to the Corinthia Hotel, a popular spot with international journalists and where the government owns property. Prime Minister Ali Zidan has a government-owned apartment in the building complex that houses the hotel. The rocket launcher was attached to a vehicle, which erupted in flames after the grenade was fired. The military official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations, said the rocket was

fired remotely and that no one was in the vehicle at the time of the attack. A proliferation of weapons and armed gangs after the 2011 civil war that overthrew dictator Moammar Gadhafi continues to threaten the country's security. Libya's government has struggled to bring armed militias under control and continues to rely on them for security. Zidan has angered some militia groups by vowing to restore the authority of the state and disband armed groups that he says are "hijacking" the country. Zidan has faced threats from armed groups who besieged him in his office earlier this year over remarks he made threatening to summon outside help to confront militias. Shortly after that, his chief of staff was abducted and released days later. □

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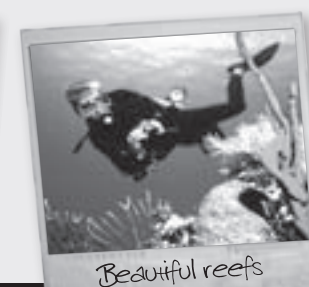


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# North Korea halts construction at rocket launch-pad

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Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

North Korea has stopped construction work at a site meant to launch bigger and better long-range rockets, a possible sign that Pyongyang is slowing or even halting development of larger rockets, according to a new analysis of recent satellite imagery.

The sight of unfinished roads and grass growing from the foundation of a

large new rocket assembly building could be welcome news for Washington and others who see Pyongyang's nuclear and missile work as a threat — though it is unknown if the work stoppage is only temporary. Another unknown is why North Korea about eight months ago stopped construction on the launch pad, rocket assembly building and launch control center at what was intended to be a major

new facility at the Tonghae Satellite Launching Ground on the northeast coast, according to analysis provided to The Associated Press by 38 North, the website for the U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. But the analysis of May 26 commercial satellite imagery from DigitalGlobe and Astrium provides some possible scenarios about what's happening.

One theory is that equipment and construction troops sent from the site to help repair widespread rain damage last year may still be at other posts. Another is that North Korea's leadership has decided that its more modern Sohae rocket launching site on the northwest coast, the one used to launch rockets in April and December 2012, will be sufficient to support large rocket development. But the most intriguing theory from the analysis is that the work stoppage could reflect a decision in Pyongyang to slow or stop building larger rockets.

"If Pyongyang ultimately abandons facilities to launch large rockets it only began building in 2011, that could have important implications for North Korea's space launch program as well as the development of long-range missiles intended to deliver nuclear weapons," Joel Wit, a former U.S. State Department official and now editor of 38 North, said in an email.

Any clues about North Korea's secretive rocket program, which Washington and others see as a cover

for work on missiles that could strike the U.S. mainland, are significant.

Another analyst said North Korea's construction stoppage may be linked to a desire to ease tensions that spiked this year after weeks of North Korean war threats following U.N. sanctions over its nuclear test in February and rocket launch in December. The rival Koreas have since made tentative efforts at diplomacy. "North Korea may have concluded that there's nothing more to be gained from confrontation," said Ohm Tae-am at the state-run Korea Institute for Defense Analyses in South Korea. He said North Korea's struggling economy may also have figured into a decision to stop funding the construction work. The 38 North analysis said there's no sign of activity, equipment or personnel at the new launch pad at Tonghae. Grass is growing from the foundation of a large new rocket assembly building, and work is incomplete on a road meant to bring construction equipment and, eventually, large rocket stages to the site. □



This May 26, 2013 satellite image shows an unfinished new missile assembly building, top left, and control center, top right, at the Tonghae facility in North Korea.

(AP Photo/Astrum - 38 North)

# South Sudan to shut down oil industry next week

CHARLTON DOKI

Associated Press

JUBA, South Sudan (AP) —

South Sudan's oil minister said Tuesday the country would shut down its oil production by next week ahead of the deadline Sudan set for companies in its territory to stop receiving South Sudan's crude.

The stoppage — a crippling blow to South Sudan's government budget — will be the second shutdown of the country's only real industry since South

Sudan peacefully broke away from Sudan in July 2011. The stoppages are evidence of the lingering bad blood between two countries that fought a decades-long civil war. Sudan notified South Sudan in June of its intention to stop receiving, processing and transporting South Sudan's crude within two months. Khartoum says it will only allow Juba to transport its crude through Sudanese territory if South Sudan stops supporting

rebels fighting to topple the government in Khartoum. South Sudan has repeatedly denied supporting SPLM-North rebels and in turn accuses Khartoum of supporting rebels in South Sudan led by David Yau Yau. South Sudan derives almost all its government budget from the oil industry, but the south's oil can only be shipped to market via Sudan's pipelines. Dau said South Sudan was shutting down its oil industry early to avoid any

equipment or environmental damage that could be caused if Khartoum implements a unilateral shutdown.

Reduction of oil production in South Sudan began July 16, Dau said. Sudan ordered its oil companies to stop receiving crude by Aug. 7.

Most of South Sudan's oil is produced in Upper Nile state, where 200,000 barrels are pumped per day. By Monday, that figure had been reduced to

100,000 barrels per day, said Mawien Makol Arik, a spokesman in South Sudan's foreign affairs ministry.

South Sudan shut down its oil industry in January 2012 after accusing Sudan of stealing some of its oil. The south didn't resume oil production until April of this year. From that April restart until its shutdown next week the nation will have pumped 6.4 million barrels worth around \$500 million, Dau said. □





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# Al-Qaida claims deadly prison raids in Iraq

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Associated Press  
BAGHDAD (AP) — Al-Qaida's branch in Iraq claimed responsibility Tuesday for audacious raids on two high-security prisons on the outskirts of Baghdad this week that killed dozens and set free hundreds of inmates, including some of its followers.

The statement from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, the al-Qaida affiliate in Iraq, was posted on an online jihadist forum. It said months of planning went into the highly coordinated assaults on the prisons in Abu Ghraib and Taji that began late Sunday.

The attacks, among the most stunning in Iraq since a surge in violence began in April, have drawn sharp criticism from opposition lawmakers and ordinary Iraqis over government efforts to keep the country safe. The spike in bloodshed is intensifying fears of a return to the widespread sectarian killing that pushed the country to the brink of civil war after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

In its statement, al-Qaida in Iraq said the prison operation involved 12 car bombs, military-style barrages of rockets and mortar shells, suicide bombers and help from prisoners who had managed to obtain weapons on the inside.

Iraqi officials have said at

least 25 members of the Iraqi security forces were killed in the attacks, along with at least 21 prisoners and 10 militants.

Al-Qaida boasted that its men killed more than 120 government forces, and claimed that on its side, only the suicide bombers died in clashes that raged for hours.

Frank Finver, a spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, said the U.S. is "deeply concerned" by the attacks and the overall levels of violence in Iraq.

He said the U.S. is in contact with the government of Iraq to help improve its ability to weaken or defeat al-Qaida inside Iraq, but he gave no specific details on counter-terrorism cooperation.

Iraq's central government has not provided a clear account of what happened or said how many prisoners escaped Sunday night.

The Interior Ministry has said several prisoners broke out from Abu Ghraib, the infamous prison in Baghdad's western suburbs that was the site of well-publicized prisoner abuse at the hands of the U.S. military following the 2003 invasion. But several Iraqi officials, including members of parliament's security and defense committee, have said more than 500 inmates escaped. Both pris-



Civilians inspect the aftermath of a car bomb attack at a convenience store at the Karrada neighborhood of Baghdad, Iraq. Al-Qaida's branch in Iraq claimed responsibility Tuesday for audacious raids on two high-security prisons on the outskirts of Baghdad this week.

(AP Photo/Hadi Mizban)

ons house thousands of inmates, including convicted al-Qaida militants, though it appears no one broke

out of the Taji prison.

Al-Qaida said in its statement that the attack freed hundreds of detainees, in-

cluding more than 500 mujahedeen, or holy warriors. The authenticity of the statement could not be independently confirmed. It was posted on a website commonly used by jihadists and its style was consistent with earlier al-Qaida statements.

The prison break could help bolster al-Qaida's ranks and give them a propaganda boost.

"Al-Qaida needs as much resources as it can get, including manpower," said Paul Floyd, who served several tours in Iraq with the U.S. Army and is now a military analyst at global intelligence company Stratfor. "The larger the operation, the more successful it is, the more likely they are to claim it." □

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## Havana airport to get \$10.2 million upgrade

PETER ORSI

Associated Press

**HAVANA (AP)** — Cuba's main international terminal is getting a \$10.2 million overhaul to improve operations at the overcrowded facility, according to state-run media.

The Havana Reporter, an English-language semi-weekly newspaper that hit kiosks Tuesday, said the Terminal 3 upgrade will include eight footbridges for boarding and the expansion of a parking area outside the terminal.

Government website Cubadebate added that the project also calls for new walkways, additional check-in counters, lighting and air conditioning improvements and systems to conserve water and electricity.

Airport director Juan Carlos Quintana told Cubadebate that the eastern part of the terminal will be upgraded to accommodate larger airplanes, and nearly 190,000 square feet (17,500 square meters) of new roofing has already been installed.

Terminal 3 is the most modern of the Jose Marti International Airport's terminals. It was built with Canadian assistance at a cost of \$93 million, and inaugurated in 1998 in a ceremony involving Fidel Castro and Can-

ada's then-premier, Jean Chretien. However it has not kept up with increasing traffic since then, and at times seems

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Travelers pass through the parking area of the Jose Marti International Airport in Havana, Cuba. Cuban authorities are announcing a \$10.2 million project to renovate the capital's congested international terminal. (AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

through at times, a number that can rise to 2,500 if people accompanying passengers to the airport are factored in.

service," the website said. Overall, 2.5 million travelers pass through Terminal 3 each year, according to Cubadebate. □

## Five killed, seven injured in attack in western Mexico

**MORELIA, Mexico (AP)** — At least five people were killed and seven were wounded when gunmen opened fire on a group of community self-defense members gathered this week on a plaza in the western state of Michoacan, authorities said.

Michoacan state prosecutors' spokesman Alejandro Arellano said about 300 masked community vigilantes wearing similar T-shirts arrived at city hall in the town of Los Reyes and announced they would take over policing the town.

Minutes later three assailants opened fired on the crowd, killing three members of the self-defense group, a police officer and a passer-by, Arellano said.

Wearing T-shirts that read "For a free Los Reyes" on the front and "Auto-defense group" on the back, the vigilantes had held a news conference to say they would clear the town of criminals and asked to talk to the mayor. They accused local police of having links to organized crime and also asked for federal police and soldiers to be sent to the town. □

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## Julia Solomonoff to lead workshop at Trinidad & Tobago Film Festival

Award-winning Argentine writer, director and producer Julia Solomonoff will be the lead facilitator for the RBC Focus: Filmmakers' Immersion, to be held at the Trinidad & Tobago Film Festival (TTF) 2013.

Born in 1968, Solomonoff is the writer and director of *The Last Summer of La Boyita* (2009), which was co-produced by Pedro Almodóvar's *El Deseo S.A.* and won over twenty international awards including best film, best director and best screenplay. Her directorial debut, *Sisters* (2005), opened at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), while her original script for the film was developed at the Sundance Writers' Lab. As a producer, her credits include Julia Murat's *Historias que existen cuando leembradas* (TTF/12), and *Everybody's Got a Plan*, (associate producer), directed by Ana Piterbarg and starring Viggo Mortensen, which premiered at TIFF 2012.

A Fulbright Scholar, Solo-

monoff teaches Film Directing at Columbia University School of the Arts, from which she graduated with an MFA in Film in 2000. She has also taught directing workshops at FUNAVE (Cervantes Institute), NYFA/Femis, France NYFA/Cambridge, UK, CIC, Cievyk and Facultad Libre (Argentina).

Now in its third year, RBC Focus: Filmmakers' Immersion is an intensive development program for ten selected emerging filmmakers from the Caribbean region. Each filmmaker enters the program with a concept for a feature-length film, from which they will be expected to develop a detailed treatment. This year, the spotlight is on narrative filmmaking.

At the end of Focus, the top five participants as decided by the facilitators will be chosen. These five participants will be given an opportunity during the TTF/13 to pitch their project to a jury at a public event. □

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## Players deplore doping rather than defending users

**RONALD BLUM**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Protective no more, baseball players seem to be downright disgusted these days with doping.

Now they are demanding even harsher suspensions for those caught cheating. "It's a new generation of athletes that are standing up," Travis Tygart, chief executive of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, said Tuesday. "The culture's been flipped on its head."

When Ryan Braun accepted a season-ending 65-game suspension Monday rather than fight Major League Baseball over evidence he used performance-enhancing drugs, fellow players appeared tired of those who cast shadows on the sport. "They're lying to the fans,"



In this April 22, 2012 file photo, Milwaukee Brewers' Ryan Braun, front right, poses with his MVP trophy and Brewers Hall-of-Famer Robin Yount, left, before a baseball game against the Colorado Rockies in Milwaukee.

Associated Press

Los Angeles Angels pitcher C.J. Wilson said. "They're lying to their teammates. They're lying to their GMs, their owners, and they're going to get caught."

Skip Schumaker of the Los Angeles Dodgers said Braun, the 2011 National League Most Valuable Player for the Milwaukee Brewers, let him down.

"Watching him talk right now makes me sick," Schumaker said. "I have an autographed Braun jersey in my baseball room that I'll be taking down. I don't want my son identifying what I've worked so hard to get to and work so hard to have — I don't want him comparing Braun to me."

Matt Kemp of the Los Angeles Dodgers, who finished second to Braun in the 2011 MVP vote, said the Milwaukee slugger

should be stripped of the honor.

"We had conversations, and I considered him a friend," Kemp said. "I don't think anybody likes to be lied to, and I feel like a lot of people have felt betrayed."

New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi said Braun was guilty.

"You don't accept a deal unless you're guilty," he said.

"It's another black eye for our game. I know this game is very resilient, and there's been a lot of scandals over the years, but you get tired of it," Girardi added.

He may soon facing his own problem — with a teammate.

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Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Matt Moore delivers to the Boston Red Sox during the first inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park, Monday, July 22, 2013, in Boston.

Associated Press

### AL Capsules

## Moore's 1st shutout leads Rays past Red Sox 3-0

**The Associated Press**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Matt Moore pitched a two-hitter for his first career shutout and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Boston Red Sox 3-0 Monday night to move within a half-game of first place in the AL East.

Ben Zobrist had three hits and James Loney drove in two runs for the Rays, who earned their sixth consecutive victory and won for the 18th time in 20 games.

In his first start since pitching a scoreless fifth inning in the All-Star game, Moore (14-3) gave up Mike Napoli's single in the second and David Ortiz's base-hit in the seventh. Ortiz took second on a wild pitch — the only baserunner to get past first.

Moore walked one batter, struck out four and needed just 109 pitches to win his sixth consecutive start. The Rays have lost just twice since June 28, improving from fourth place and seven games out to within one win of the division lead. Brandon Workman (0-1) made his second career start, giving up two runs on seven hits and two walks, striking out four in six innings.

**RANGERS 3, YANKEES 0**  
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Yu Darvish allowed two singles over 6 1-3 scoreless innings in his first start in 16 days, combining with three relievers on a three-hitter that carried Texas past New York.

Darvish (9-4), who last pitched July 6 before going on the disabled list with a right trapezius strain, struck out four and walked two. He left after allowing consecutive batters to reach in the seventh, having thrown 60 of 90 pitches for strikes. Just before the game, the Rangers announced they had acquired right-hander Matt Garza from the Chicago Cubs. Garza likely will make his Texas debut Wednesday night against the Yankees.

Ivan Nova (4-3) struck out four while throwing a season-high 112 pitches over seven innings.

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## Doping

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More than a dozen players have been targeted by MLB in its probe of the closed anti-aging clinic Biogenesis of America, including three-time AL MVP Alex Rodriguez of the Yankees.

The next step will be for MLB to inform the union of additional players it intends to penalize, which could happen as early as a meeting on Thursday, a person familiar with the probe said, speaking on condition of anonymity because no statements were authorized.

New York expects A-Rod could face a much harsher penalty than the one Braun agreed to, a second person familiar with the case said, also speaking on condition of anonymity because no statements were authorized.

The Yankees anticipate Ro-

driguez could be accused of using PEDs over multiple seasons, of recruiting other athletes for the clinic, of attempting to obstruct MLB's investigation, and of not being truthful with MLB in the past when he discussed his relationship with Dr. Anthony Galea, who pleaded guilty two years ago to a U.S. federal charge of bringing unapproved drugs from Canada into the United States.

Despite Braun's suspension, Kemp has no shot at claiming the MVP trophy. The Baseball Writers' Association of America has said repeatedly that it will not revisit any of its award votes.

"The decision was already made. He won it," said Jack O'Connell, the BBWAA's secretary-treasurer. □

In this July 9, 2013 file photo, Alex Rodriguez walks back to the bench after striking out in the seventh inning with the Tampa Yankees as they play the Dunedin Blue Jays in Tampa. Associated Press



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## NL Capsules

# Heyward saves Braves win with diving catch in 9th

The Associated Press  
NEW YORK (AP) — Jason Heyward made a diving catch with runners on first and second and two outs in the ninth inning after pinch-hitter Reed Johnson hit a go-ahead single with two outs in a two-run top half, leading the Atlanta Braves to a 2-1, comeback victory over the New York Mets on Monday night. Playing for the first time after missing six games with a strained right hamstring, Heyward made a long run to his right and slid along the wet grass to hold his glove up after grabbing pinch-hitter Justin Turner's fly ball.

The Braves took advantage of catcher John Buck's passed ball to score twice in the ninth against closer Bobby Parnell. The Braves did not get their first hit off Dillon Gee until Freddie Freeman led off the seventh with a single. But the NL East leaders ended their two-game skid against Parnell (5-5). Jordan Walden (4-1) pitched the eighth for the



**Atlanta Braves center fielder Jason Heyward catches Justin Turner's two-out, ninth-inning flyout with two runners on base to seal the Braves 2-1 victory over the New York Mets in a baseball game Monday, July 22, 2013, in New York.**

Associated Press

win.

### PIRATES 6, NATIONALS 5

WASHINGTON (AP) — Andrew McCutchen hit a pair of two-run homers to back a solid outing by right-hander Charlie Morton and Pittsburgh beat skidding Washington. McCutchen connected in the first inning and again in the third to stake the Pirates to a 4-0 lead.

Both homers came off Dan Haren (4-11), who's 0-8 in 11 starts since May 9. Morton (2-2) gave up three runs, six hits and a walk in 6 2-3 innings to earn his first win in five starts. He struck out five. Jason Grilli entered in the ninth and gave up a two-run homer to Jayson Werth before leaving with an apparent arm injury after get-

ting two outs.

Vin Mazzaro retired Steve Lombardozzi on a grounder with a runner on second to earn his first career save.

### PADRES 5, BREWERS 3

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jesus Guzman homered and had three RBIs to lift the Padres over Milwaukee hours after the team learned that Ryan Braun would be suspended for the rest of the

season.

The 2011 National League MVP was suspended for the final 65 games without pay for being tied to a Florida clinic accused of distributing performance enhancing drugs.

Guzman capped a four-run sixth inning off Tom Gorzelanny (1-4) with a two-out double that snapped a tie, scoring Chase Headley and Carlos Quentin to give the Padres a 5-3 lead. It was only their 17th win in 50 road games.

San Diego starter Andrew Cashner (6-5) pitched six solid innings and keyed the sixth-inning rally with a leadoff bunt single. The right-hander allowed three runs on three hits and three walks while striking out six in six innings.

Huston Street pitched the ninth for his 17th save in 18 chances.

### MARLINS 3, ROCKIES 1

DENVER (AP) — Tom Koehler tossed seven strong innings, Ed Lucas homered and Miami scored for the first time in four games in a victory over Colorado. □

## AL Capsules

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All-Star closer Joe Nathan pitched the ninth for his 31st save in 32 chances to cap the Rangers' eighth shutout of the season. **TIGERS 7, WHITE SOX 3**  
CHICAGO (AP) — Max Scherzer outpitched Chris Sale in a matchup of All-Star starters, and Detroit overcame Miguel Cabrera's injury to beat Chicago. With one out in the bottom of the fifth inning, Cabrera was replaced at third base by Don Kelly. The 2012 AL MVP, who appeared to

be holding his left side as he walked off the field, was removed with a sore hip flexor muscle and will be evaluated Tuesday.

Cabrera, who became baseball's first Triple Crown winner in 45 years last season, has played in 97 of Detroit's 98 games this year. He began the day leading the AL with a .359 batting average and 96 RBIs. Scherzer (14-1) went eight innings and allowed four hits while striking out five. Sale (6-9) pitched eight innings and gave up four runs — two earned. He yielded seven hits while striking out 11.

### ORIOLES 9, ROYALS 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Chris Davis and J.J. Hardy each drove in three runs and Baltimore defeated Kansas City to extend its winning streak to a season-high five games.

Davis, who leads the majors with 97 RBIs, drove in a pair of runs with a sixth-inning double and another with a sacrifice fly in the first inning. Hardy homered, his 17th of the season, in the four-run sixth with Davis aboard. He picked up another RBI in the third when Davis scored on his ground out. The Orioles' 18-hit attack matched their season high. Scott Feldman (2-1), who was acquired in a July 2

trade from the Chicago Cubs, was the beneficiary of the offense, picking up the victory.

Feldman limited the Royals to five singles and two runs over eight innings.

Wade Davis (4-9) took the loss, giving up four runs, two unearned, on seven hits and three walks in 2 2-3 innings.

### ATHLETICS 4, ASTROS 3

HOUSTON (AP) — Josh Reddick put Oakland on top with a two-run homer in the eighth inning and the Athletics remained perfect this season against Houston.

Chris Young hit a solo homer for the A's, who are 10-0 against their new AL West

foes this season and 15-1 all-time.

Houston took a 3-0 lead thanks in part to Oakland tying a season high with three errors. Young's shot cut the lead to one in the seventh before Reddick's drive to right field off Wesley Wright (0-4) made it 4-3. Young also tripled for another big game in his hometown.

### MARINERS 2, INDIANS 1

SEATTLE (AP) — Kendrys Morales and Mike Zunino each homered, Aaron Harang pitched seven strong innings and Seattle beat Cleveland to win its season-high seventh straight victory. □





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# Former boxing champion Emile Griffith dies at 75

DAVE SKRETTA  
AP Sports Writer

Emile Griffith, the elegant world champion whose career was overshadowed by the fatal beating he gave Bennie Paret in a 1962 title bout that darkened all of boxing, died on Tuesday. He was 75.

He died at an extended care facility in Hempstead, New York, the International Boxing Hall of Fame said.

Griffith struggled with pugilistic dementia and required full-time care late in life. He was the first boxer from the U.S. Virgin Islands to become world champion and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1990.

"Emile was a gifted athlete and truly a great boxer," Hall of Fame director Ed Brophy said.

"Outside the ring he was as great a gentleman as he was a fighter. He always had time for boxing fans when visiting the hall on an annual basis and was one of the most popular boxers to return year after year."

Griffith often attended fights in New York, especially at Madison Square Garden, where he headlined 23 times.

He was also a frequent visitor to the many boxing clubs around New York City. He would slowly rise from his seat, often with assistance, and smile while waving when he was acknowledged.

The outpouring of love that he received late in life stood in stark contrast to the way he was received after March 24, 1962, when he fought Bennie "The Kid" Paret before a national TV audience at the Garden. Griffith knocked out his bitter rival in the 12th round to regain the welterweight title. Paret went into a coma and died from his injuries 10 days later.

Sports Illustrated reported in 2005 that Griffith may have been fueled by an anti-gay slur directed at him by Paret during the weigh-in. Over the years, Griffith described himself at various times as straight, gay and bisexual.

"People spit at me in the street. We stayed in a hotel. Every time there was a knock on the door, I would run into the next room.

I was so scared," Griffith told The Associated Press in 1993, recalling the days after Paret's death.

The shocking outcome left a cloud over the sport for many years. NBC stopped airing boxing broadcasts, and then New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller created a commission to investigate the bout and boxing. The referee that night, Ruby Goldstein, never worked another fight.

The fight became the basis for the 2005 documentary "Ring of Fire: The Emile Griffith Story." One of the final scenes shows Griffith embracing Paret's son.

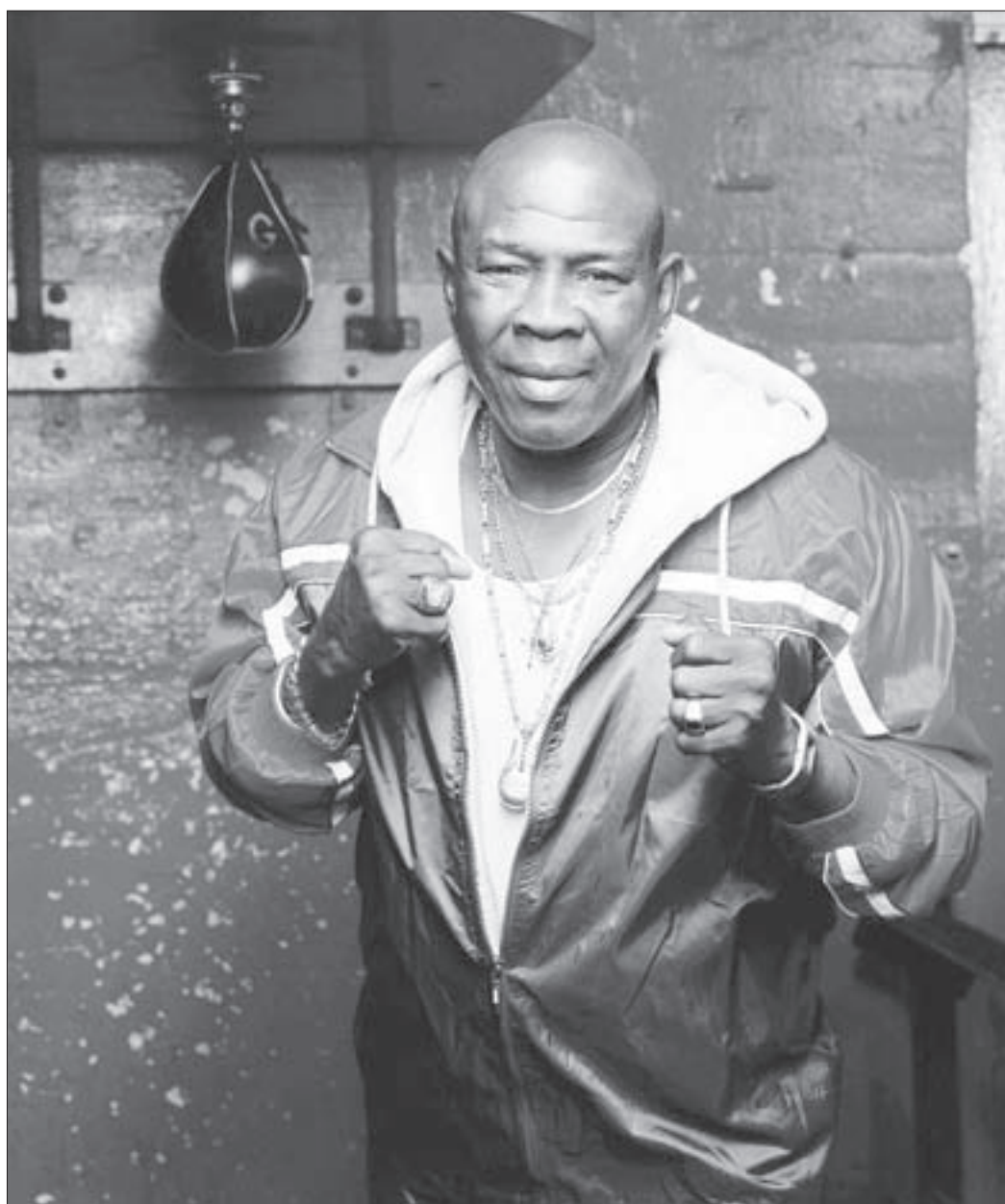
"I was never the same fighter after that. After that fight, I did enough to win. I would use my jab all the time. I never wanted to hurt the other guy," Griffith said. "I would have quit, but I didn't know how to do anything else but fight."

And fight he could.

Known for his overwhelming speed and slick style — certainly not his punching power — Griffith was a prodigy from the moment he stepped in Hall of Fame trainer Gil Clancy's gym in Queens. Griffith had been working in a hat factory when, as the story goes, he took off his shirt on a hot day and the factory owner realized how strong he was.

Under the eye of Clancy, Griffith blossomed into a New York Golden Gloves champion and eventually turned professional. He easily defeated the likes of Florentino Fernandez and Luis Rodriguez during an era when it was common to fight every couple of weeks, quickly earning a welterweight title shot against Paret in 1961.

Griffith won the championship with a 13th-round knockout at the Garden before losing the belt to Paret in a rematch five months later.



This undated image provided by NBC Universal shows former welterweight boxing champion Emile Griffith striking a pose to promote the documentary film "Ring of Fire: The Emile Griffith Story." Associated Press

After winning back the title during his controversial third fight with Paret — many believe Paret never should have been allowed in the ring after a brutal loss to Gene Fullmer three months earlier — Griffith would eventually move up to middleweight.

He knocked down Dick Tiger for the first time in his career and claimed the title with a narrow but unanimous decision.

Griffith would go on to lose twice during a thrilling trilogy with Nino Benvenuti, his lone victory coming at Shea Stadium in 1967, and lost two bouts against the great middleweight Carlos Monzon.

Griffith would finally retire in 1977 after losing his last three fights, his

record standing at 85-24-2 with 23 knockouts.

Griffith would go on to train several champions, including Wilfred Benitez and Juan Laporte, among the most popular boxers in Puerto Rican history.

His humor and generosity buoyed those close to him as his health deteriorated in later years. He would still make the pilgrimage to Canastota, New York, for the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, regaling fans young and old with tales, even though the details often became hazy, the result of the many blows he sustained during his career.

There was no immediate word on survivors or funeral arrangements. □



# Joyful Heart - By: Dr Carlos Viana

While interning in Shanghai as a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) physician, I learned that an energetic heart allows the expression of joy. The literary word for lightening the mood of something is "leaven"; as in "readers tell me that these weekly articles leaven or enliven their mood". The Modern Greek word "leaven" is "enzumos" that yields the word enzyme. Enzymes are proteins produced by the cells that control or "turn on" thousands of body reactions.

One enzyme family is digestive enzymes, which help the body naturally, digest food, a good thing. Plant digestives, like Bromelain from pineapple AND Beta Pepsin or Hydrochloric Acid (HCL) are good supplement choices for overeating or eating the wrong foods. But even good things need help, like Phyllis, without whose organization skills, I would accomplish very little. Similarly, an important partner that helps enzymes work are coenzymes. The prefix "co" means together or jointly, like co-worker.

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As a Clinical Nutritionist I always recommend CoQ10 be taken together with complementary or "co-worker" supplements; because absorption of CoQ10 into your body is poor. In fact, probably over 60 percent of most oral doses of CoQ10 are excreted by the body with-

out being used. Absorption of CoQ10 is greater when taken together with food that has a good quality fat content, like olive oil, wild caught salmon and butter (notice I did not say margarine). Because of this, I always recommend taking CoQ10 together with a fat or oil, like Omega 3 or Alpha-lipoic acid. Quality dietary supplement manufacturers are now producing CoQ10 with enhanced absorption or bioavailability by surrounding each CoQ10 molecule with tiny fat cells of good fats like alpha-lipoic acid.

Most modern diets are deficient in Omega 3's and adding Flax seed oil or Fish oils, to a daily supplement program, which includes vitamin C, Magnesium, Zinc and Lecithin is what I feel is a great basic dietary plan. Of course, not everybody utilizes or absorbs the same. If you have any health concerns, visit a clinical nutritionist to be sure you are getting the right combination of co-workers for your needs.

Another super oil or fat is alpha lipoic acid which is known as the "universal antioxidant". It has the ability to conserve and prolong the life of vitamins C & E in the body, increasing their effectiveness. Alpha lipoic acid is also an excellent metal detoxifier, particularly for mercury and cadmium.

In Germany, alpha-lipoic acid is an approved medical treatment for nerve damage and pain, a common complication of diabetes. It speeds the removal of glucose from the

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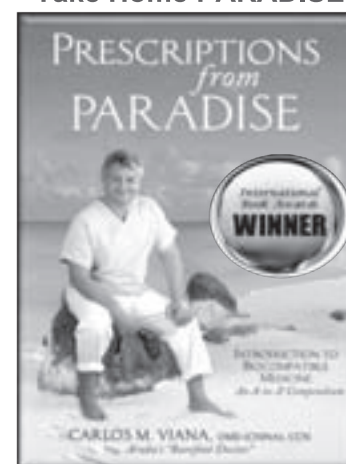
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## Ohio has Defense Dept's most powerful computer

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — The U.S. Air Force says a supercomputer up and running at an Ohio base is the most powerful in the entire Department of Defense.

Officials at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base introduced the computer Monday inside a new complex. It has the capacity to calculate 1,500 trillion calculations every second, making it the seventh most powerful computer in the U.S. and 14th in the world.

The Dayton Daily News reports (<http://bit.ly/1bZecik>) that the computer will simulate experiments or research too costly or too environmentally dangerous to replicate in the real world. Some 2,000 Department of Defense users across the world will have access to the U.S.-made computer.

Researchers from every branch of the military and other federal agencies will also use it. □

## Swisscom CEO found dead in home at age 49

GENEVA (AP) — Switzerland's leading telecommunications company says its chief executive has been found dead in an apparent suicide.

Swisscom says the body of 49-year-old Carsten Schloter was found Tuesday morning at the CEO's home in the Swiss canton (state) of Fribourg.

A company statement Tuesday says "the police are assuming it was a case of suicide; an investigation into the exact circumstances is underway."

Swisscom, a publicly traded company in which the Swiss government has the majority stake, says no more details of his death were being disclosed in consideration for his family. Schloter joined Swisscom in 2000 as head of Swisscom Mobile and was appointed CEO in 2006.

The company says deputy CEO Urs Schaeppi would temporarily lead it. □

# LG, Samsung start selling curved TVs in U.S.



Models pose with a Samsung Electronics Co.'s 55-inch curved OLED TV during a press conference at its headquarters in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday, June 27, 2013.

Associated Press

**PETER SVENSSON**  
AP Technology Writer

Flat screens have been a selling point for TVs for more than a decade. Now, LG and Samsung are making a selling point of screens that are not flat.

The two Korean electronics companies are launching TVs in the U.S. this week that have concave

screens, where the middle bends away from the viewer. That's the opposite of the convex bulge of the old cathode-ray tube TVs. The idea, the companies say, is to have the viewer see the screen straight on, even at the edges. The sets have a suggested price of \$15,000. LG's set will be sold in some Best Buy Stores. Samsung's

will be sold by specialty stores. The curved sets are made possible by a technological breakthrough — the picture is formed by a thin, bendable layer of organic light-emitting diodes. OLED screens are common in high-end smartphones, but larger sizes are difficult to make, accounting for the high price of the new sets. □



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# Stock market ends mixed after uneven earnings news

MATTHEW CRAFT

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Uneven corporate earnings news left the stock market mixed on Tuesday.

Most major indexes closed slightly lower, except for the Dow Jones industrial average. Yet even there the gain was due to the increase in one stock, United Technologies.

Better earnings from big banks, health insurers and other companies have helped drive the stock market higher this month. On Tuesday, however, the encouraging and the discouraging seemed evenly matched. Wendy's and United Technologies surged after posting stronger results than financial analysts expected. Netflix and the Altria Group, maker of Marlboro cigarettes, sank after their results fell short.

"In the absence of major economic news, the focus is on earnings this week," said David Joy, chief market strategist at Ameriprise Financial. "And there's nothing today to drive the market dramatically one way or another."

The Dow rose 22.19 points, or 0.1 percent, to 15,567.74. If not for a 3 percent gain in United Technologies, the Dow would have closed down a point.

United Technologies rose \$3.01 to \$105.12 after the conglomerate said strong

orders for commercial airline parts and elevators helped lift its profit.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3.14 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,692.39. The Nasdaq composite fell 21.11 points, or 0.6 percent, to 3,579.27.

It was a busy day for earnings as 35 companies in the S&P 500 were scheduled to turn in results. The second-quarter scorecard looks good so far. More than six out of every 10 companies have posted earnings that surpassed Wall Street's expectations, according to S&P Capital IQ.

Analysts forecast that second-quarter earnings for companies in the S&P 500 increased 3.8 percent over the same period last year. "The bar has been set pretty low," said Joel Huffman, senior portfolio manager at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. So, it's hardly a surprise that many companies are able to jump over it, he said.

Sales are another story. Analysts expect revenue to shrink 0.7 percent in the second quarter. Huffman said he's encouraged that many banks and makers of consumer-discretionary goods have reported stronger U.S. sales. "It's an indication of the underlying growth in the U.S. economy versus other parts of the world," he said.

Apple rose \$21, or 5 per-

cent, to \$439.99 in after-hours trading, when the company reported earnings and revenue that beat Wall Street's forecasts.

Among other stocks making big moves:

— Wendy's jumped 55 cents, or 8.2 percent, to \$7.23. The fast-food company's net income came

in above Wall Street's expectations. Wendy's also announced plans to sell 425 restaurants as franchises and raised its quarterly dividend by a penny to 5 cents.

— Marlboro maker Altria Group said its quarterly results fell short of analysts' expectations. Altria's stock

sank 89 cents, or 2.4 percent, to \$35.99.

— Netflix dropped \$11.70, or 4.5 percent, to \$250.26. The company said late Monday that it signed up fewer subscribers than financial analysts had projected. Big expectations have propelled Netflix's stock up 170 percent since



**Specialists Christopher Gildea, left, and Joseph Dreyer, confer at their posts on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Better earnings from big banks, health insurers and other companies have helped drive the stock market higher this month. On Tuesday, however, the encouraging and the discouraging seemed evenly matched, and most major indexes closed slightly lower, except for the Dow.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

## Apple's 3Q earnings fall 22% on flat revenue

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple's latest quarterly report confirms the iPhone maker's growth has stalled along with its pace of innovation.

The results announced Tuesday mark the second straight quarter that Apple Inc.'s earnings have fallen from the previous year after a decade of steadily rising profits.

Despite the ongoing erosion, Apple fared slightly better than analysts had anticipated. That helped lift Apple's stock by \$22.01, or more than 5 percent, to \$441 in extended trading after the financial results

came out. The shares remain down by more than 35 percent since the latest model of the iPhone came out 10 months ago.

Apple's revenue for the three months ending June 29 barely budged from last year. That's the smallest revenue increase since the Cupertino, California, company unleashed a mobile computing revolution with the iPhone's debut six years ago.

Apple hasn't released another breakthrough product since the iPad came out three years ago, raising concerns the company has lost its touch since the

October 2011 death of founder Steve Jobs.

The company earned \$6.9 billion, or \$7.47 per share, in its fiscal third quarter, a 22 percent drop from \$8.8 billion, or \$9.32 per share.

The earnings topped the average estimate of \$7.31 per share among analysts surveyed by FactSet. Revenue totaled \$35.3 billion versus \$35 billion a year ago. Analysts had projected that revenue would be unchanged from a year ago.

As usual, Apple was propelled by its iPhone sales. The company sold 31.2 million units in the quarter, a 20

percent increase from the same time year ago.

But many people were evidently buying the earlier generations of the smartphone, which cost less than the latest model and generate smaller profit margins for the company. iPhones sold for an average of \$581 in the past quarter, down from an average of \$608 a year ago.

The same phenomenon squeezed Apple's profits with the iPad. To make matters worse, the company sold 14 percent fewer tablets — 14.6 million in the past quarter compared with 17 million a year ago. □

the start of the year, adding more pressure on the company to deliver amazing numbers.

In the market for U.S. government bonds, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.50 percent from 2.48 percent late Monday. Long-term interest rates have swung in a wide range since May, a result of traders speculating over when the Federal Reserve will begin pulling back on its bond-buying program.

The rate on the 10-year note, a benchmark for most loans, was trading at 1.61 percent on May 1. It rose as high as 2.75 percent by the second week of July. □



## STREET BRIEFS

### Ford hiring 800 more salaried workers in U.S.

DEARBORN, Michigan (AP) — Ford Motor Co. says it's hiring 800 more engineers, computer specialists and other salaried workers in the U.S.

Ford initially planned to hire 2,200 salaried workers this year, but says it will now hire 3,000 as demand for new vehicles grows. U.S. auto sales were up 8 percent to more than 7.8 million through June. Ford's sales rose 14 percent.

Ford's human resources chief, Felicia Fields, says the company lost 13,000 salaried workers in the U.S. when it was restructuring between 2006 and 2009. Some of those workers have returned, but many are new hires recruited from Motorola, Microsoft and other high-tech companies.

Fields says it's difficult to find candidates with the right technical qualifications. The company is launching a new advertising and social media recruitment campaign this week. □

### Discover's net profit driven up 13% by lending

RIVERWOODS, Illinois (AP) Discover Financial Services says its second-quarter net income grew 13 percent, as an increase in loan volume drove revenue higher. The lender said Tuesday that it posted a profit after paying preferred dividends of \$588 million, or \$1.20 per share, in the three months ended June 30.

That compares with net income of \$520 million, or 99 cents per share, a year earlier. Revenue net of interest expense climbed to \$2.04 billion from \$1.87 billion. Analysts polled by FactSet expected earnings of \$1.15 per share on \$2 billion in revenue. Riverwoods, Illinois-based Discover, best known for its namesake credit card, is the sixth-largest U.S. credit-card issuer. □

## AT&T revenue up, profit down as costs rise in 2Q

PETER SVENSSON

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The surge in tablet usage helped boost AT&T's wireless revenue for the latest quarter, but profits declined as costs surged, the company said Tuesday. AT&T's coffers were drained by smartphone sales, which it subsidizes in the hope of making money back over the life of

two-year contracts. AT&T also made investments to increase its home broadband speeds.

AT&T Inc., the largest U.S. telecommunications company, said it earned \$3.8 billion, or 71 cents per share, in the April-to-June period, compared with \$3.9 billion, or 66 cents share, a year ago. Adjusted for a one-time gain of 4 cents for the

sale of shares in Mexico's America Movil, the latest earnings were 67 cents per share, 1 cent below the average analyst forecast as polled by FactSet.

AT&T's revenue was \$32.1 billion, up 1.6 percent from a year ago and well above the average analyst estimate at \$31.8 billion.

The Dallas-based company added 550,000 wireless de-

vices to its contract-based plans, which are the most lucrative. That was the highest second-quarter figure in two years. However, all but 153,000 of the new devices were tablets, which carry lower monthly fees than phones.

AT&T shares fell 31 cents, or 0.9 percent, to \$35.50 in extended trading, after the release of the report. □

## UPS profit falls on shift to lower cost services

DAVID KOENIG

AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — UPS said Tuesday that second-quarter profit fell 4 percent as customers shifted from premium toward lower-priced shipped services.

day air deliveries to two-day or three-day services. UPS Chairman and CEO Scott Davis told analysts on a conference call that the shift could be temporary due to a lack of new technology products from Asia.

more competition from passenger airlines, which are loading more freight in the bellies of their new, wide-body jets. Since the airlines are operating the flights anyway, they often charge lower freight rates

them change the date or address for deliveries for an extra fee. The company has also been trimming costs by retiring older planes and reducing missed deliveries.

"We're managing through a slower economic environment and adapting accordingly," chief financial officer Kurt Kuehn said in an interview. UPS said that it earned \$1.07 billion, or \$1.13 per share, down from \$1.12 billion, or \$1.15 per share, a year earlier.

The delivery company tipped off investors about the headline number two weeks ago, so analysts were expecting the lower earnings per share.

Revenue rose 1.2 percent to \$13.51 billion but was lower than expected. Analysts had forecast \$13.59 billion, according to a FactSet survey. Costs rose 2 percent. UPS shares tumbled on July 12 after the company foreshadowed the quarterly results and lowered its full-year outlook. It blamed the shift toward slower but cheaper shipping services, overcapacity in the worldwide air freight business, and slowing in the U.S. industrial sector. □



This 2013 photo shows UPS cargo planes at Miami International Airport in Miami. UPS reported slightly lower quarterly earnings on Tuesday, July 23, 2013.

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

The company called the results disappointing and said it was adapting to the changing market.

Atlanta-based United Parcel Service Co. and rival FedEx Corp. are losing some high-priced business as international shippers switch from premium next-

"On the other hand, some of the trade-down is likely permanent," Davis added, because of improved manufacturing supply chains and more global trade among nearby nations.

For pallet-size international shipments, cargo carriers such as UPS are facing

to fill up the cargo holds. UPS is looking to re-ignite growth by targeting developing countries and growing industries such as health care. It is expanding ship and other inexpensive delivery options, and it is offering new services to consumers such as letting

## Cisco inks deal to buy Sourcefire for \$2.37B

SAN JOSE, California (AP)

— Cisco said Tuesday that it reached a deal to buy computer network security company Sourcefire for about \$2.37 billion in cash. Under the terms of the agreement, Cisco will pay \$76 cash for each of the Columbia, Maryland-based company's shares. The price represents a 29

percent premium over Sourcefire's Monday closing stock price.

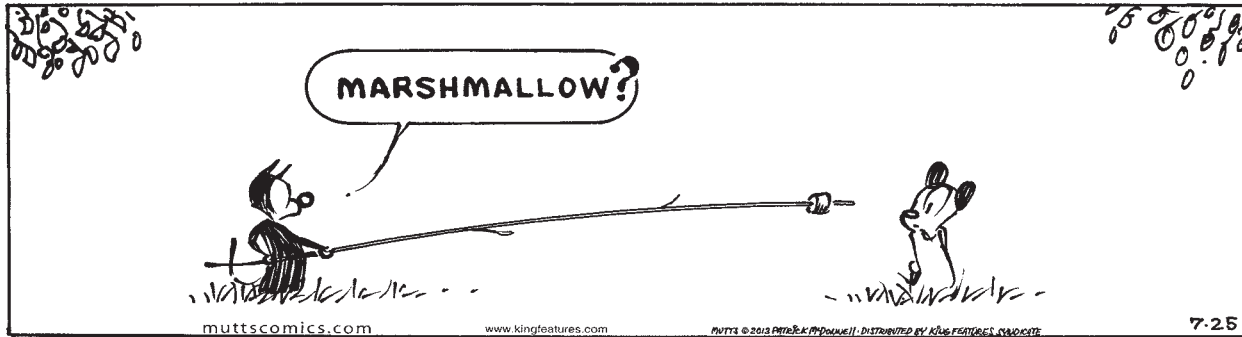
Sourcefire shares jumped \$16.71, or 28 percent, to \$75.79 in morning trading. Cisco said the addition of Sourcefire will boost its own cybersecurity offerings and speed development of its security strategy of defending, discovering, and reme-

diating advanced threats. "Sourcefire aligns well with Cisco's future vision for security and supports the key pillars of our security strategy," Hilton Romanski, Cisco's vice president for corporate development, said in a statement. The deal also includes the assumption of outstanding stock awards and retention-

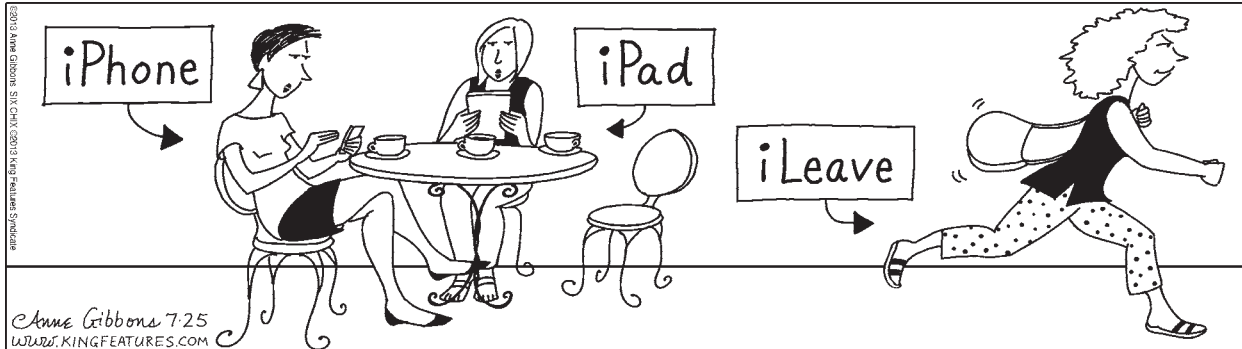
based incentives. The companies valued it at about \$2.7 billion. Cisco said it expects the deal, scheduled to close in the second half of 2013, to slightly reduce its adjusted profit for fiscal year 2014. Sourcefire was founded in 2001 and went public in 2007. In 2012, its revenue jumped 35 percent to \$223.1 million. □



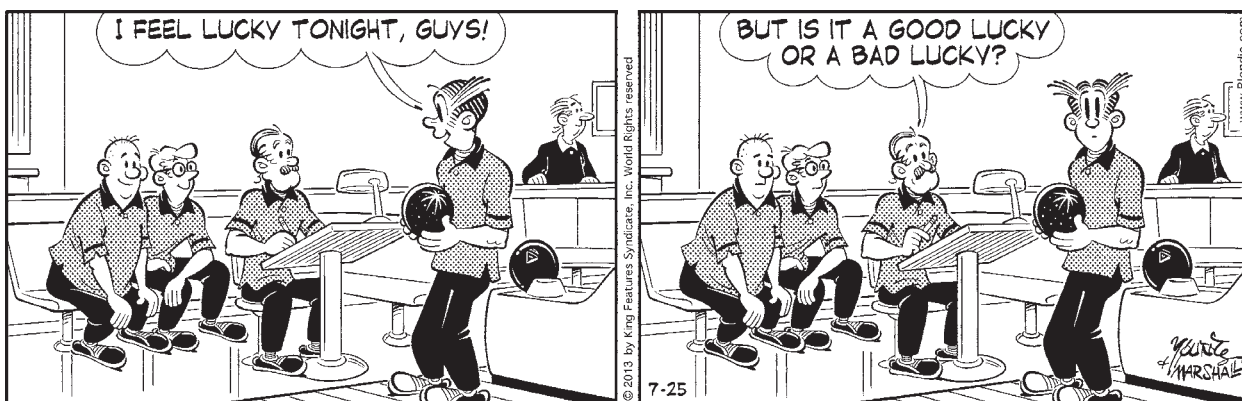
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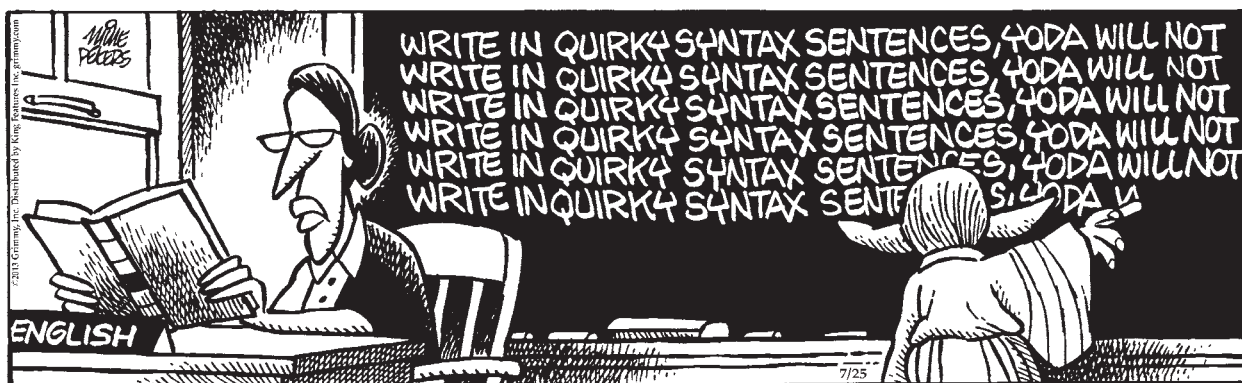
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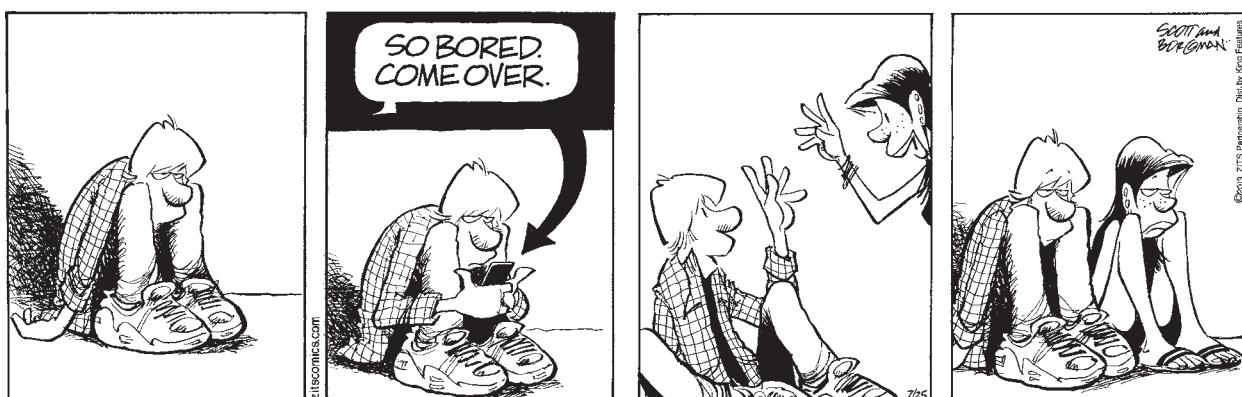
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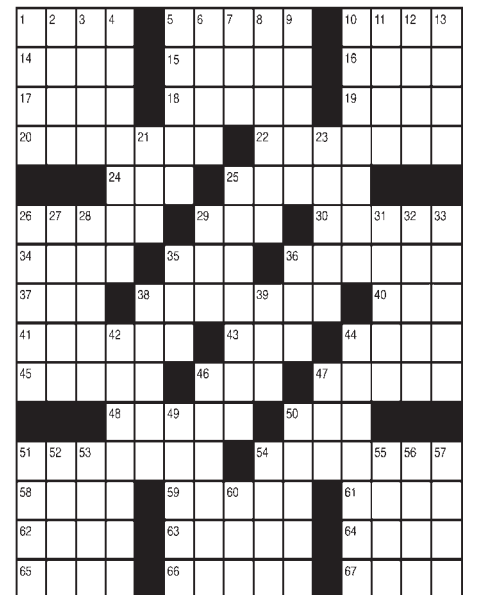
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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1	7	4	3	6	8	5	9	2
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ACROSS

- 1 Basil or thyme
- 5 Venerate
- 10 Prescribed amount
- 14 Notion
- 15 Not smashed
- 16 Grows older
- 17 Calf meat
- 18 Shoot from hiding
- 19 Envelop
- 20 Infuriates
- 22 Private school, often
- 24 Cashew, e.g.
- 25 Very important
- 26 King's decree
- 29 away with; abolished
- 30 out; extend one's hand
- 34 eyes have seen the glory of the...
- 35 Stein or Stiller
- 36 Part of the eye
- 37 Blind as a
- 38 Sale to the highest bidder
- 40 "Brylcreem, a little 'I'll do ya'"
- 41 Get-up-and-go
- 43 Hubbub
- 44 Late Amaz
- 45 More unusual
- 46 In the past
- 47 Adjust an alarm
- 48 Use a loom
- 50 PC alternative
- 51 Have faith
- 54 Winged horse of myth
- 58 At any time
- 59 Certain exams
- 61 No longer here
- 62 Shabby bistro
- 63 Cruise ship stops, perhaps
- 64 Leave out
- 65 Went down smoothly
- 66 Postpone
- 67 Hoopsters from Brooklyn



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DOWN

- 1 Bee colony
- 2 Biblical garden
- 3 Bottom
- 4 beam; gymnast's bar
- 5 Valuable thing
- 6 Puts on
- 7 Japanese sash
- 8 Compensated
- 9 Build
- 10 Slowpoke
- 11 Bad guy
- 12 Stitched joining
- 13 Notice
- 21 Abdomen
- 23 Burr or Spelling
- 25 Antique; classic
- 26 Hot bit of coal
- 27 Prince
- 28 Bury
- 29 Twelfth month: abbr.
- 31 Mountains in South America
- 32 Halt
- 33 Traditional nun's garb
- 35 Purchase
- 36 Pigeon's sound

- 38 Concur
- 39 Wedding words
- 42 Made changes in an electrical system
- 44 10-sided figure
- 46 Unwilling
- 47 Clearing cloth
- 49 Stay away from
- 50 Sloppy
- 51 Cots and cribs
- 52 Wicked
- 53 Mr. Strauss
- 54 Tearful request
- 55 Partial amount
- 56 College credit
- 57 Collections
- 60 Everyone



# US: Menthol cigarettes likely pose risks

**M FELBERBAUM**  
**AP Tobacco Writer**  
**RICHMOND, Virginia (AP)**  
 — A Food and Drug Administration review concludes

tobacco industry and others on possible restrictions on the mint-flavored cigarettes. The FDA evaluation con-

There's also evidence indicating that menthol's cooling properties can reduce the harshness of cigarette smoke and that menthol cigarettes are marketed as a smoother alternative, the review said.

"Menthol cigarettes raise critical public health questions," Mitch Zeller, director of the Center for Tobacco Products, said in a conference call with reporters. Zeller said there's "no hold-up" on the FDA proposing restrictions on menthol but that there are still "some important questions" that need to be answered. □



The FDS has concluded that menthol cigarettes likely pose a greater public health risk than regular cigarettes. (Handout Photo)

that menthol cigarettes likely pose a greater public health risk than regular cigarettes but does not make a recommendation on whether to limit or ban the minty smokes — one of the few growth sectors of the shrinking cigarette business.

The federal agency released the independent review on Tuesday and is seeking input from the health community, the to-

cluded that there is little evidence to suggest that menthol cigarettes are more or less toxic or contribute to more disease risk to smokers than regular cigarettes. However, there is adequate data to suggest that menthol use is likely associated with increased smoking initiation by younger people and that menthol smokers have a harder time quitting, the review said.

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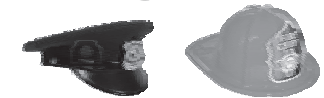
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# Feds advance plan to kill barred owls in Northwest

By **JEFF BARNARD**

**The Associated Press**

**GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP)**

— Federal wildlife officials plan to dispatch hunters into forests of the Pacific Northwest starting this fall to shoot one species of owl to protect another that is threatened with extinction. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Tuesday released a final environmental review of an experiment to see if killing barred owls will allow northern spotted owls to reclaim territory they've been driven out of over the past half-century. The agency has been evaluating the idea since 2009, gathering public comment and consulting ethicists, focus groups and scientific studies. It will issue a final decision on the plan in a month.

"If we don't manage barred owls, the probability of recovering the spotted owl goes down significantly," said Paul Henson, Oregon state supervisor for Fish and Wildlife.

The agency's preferred course of action calls for killing 3,603 barred owls in four study areas in Oregon, Washington and Northern California over the next four years.

The plan is expected to cost about \$3 million and requires a special permit under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which prohibits killing nongame birds.

Neither the timber industry nor the Audubon Society was pleased with it.

"Shooting a few isolated areas of barred owl isn't going to help us as forest managers, nor is it going

to help the forest be protected from wildfires, and catastrophic wildfire is one of the big impediments to spotted owl recovery," said Tom Partin, president of the American Forest Resource Council, a timber industry group.

Bob Sallinger, conservation director for the Audubon Society of Portland, said saving the spotted owl is of paramount importance,

numbers have continued to slide.

Henson said unless barred owls are brought under control, the spotted owl in coming decades might disappear from Washington's northern Cascade Range and Oregon's Coast Range, where the barred owl incursion has been greatest.

It has taken the federal government a long time to

for years.

Between 2000 and 2006, wildlife officials captured and removed more than 40 golden eagles from the Channel Islands off Southern California to protect the island fox. They also hired a company to kill 5,000 feral pigs on Santa Cruz in a controversial program to restore the island's ecosystem.

In Oregon, officials have used lethal injections to kill selected California sea lions that feast on protected salmon in the Columbia River. And in Yosemite National Park, saving bighorn sheep has meant hunting protected mountain lions. The northern spotted owl is an icon of bitter disputes between the timber industry and environmentalists over the use of Northwest forests. Because of its dwindling numbers, the little bird was listed as a threatened species in 1990, which resulted in logging cutbacks and lawsuits.

Barred owls are bigger, more aggressive and less picky about food. They started working their way across the Great Plains in the early 1900s, and by 1959 were in British Columbia. Barred owls now cover the spotted owl's range, in some places outnumbering them as much as 5-to-1. The Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal calls for a combination of killing and capturing barred owls. But capturing owls is far more expensive and difficult. And the agency has found only five zoos or other facilities willing to take a barred owl if it's captured, said

Robin Bown, the wildlife biologist in charge of the evaluation.

Henson said the service has yet to work out details of how barred owls will be killed, whether by government hunters from the U.S. Agriculture Department's Wildlife Services, or by contract hunters.

The favored method involves luring the birds with a recording of a barred owl call, then shooting them with a shotgun when they fly in to drive out the intruders.

Hunting would start this fall on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation in Northern California, where the locations of barred and spotted owls are well-known, Henson said.

It will begin in fall 2014 in three other study areas made up primarily of federal land. The northernmost is in the Cascade Range near Cle Elum, Wash. Another is in the Oregon Coast Range west of Salem. The third is in the Klamath Mountains south of Roseburg.

Hunting will take place only in the fall and winter, to prevent taking birds when they are caring for their young.

Each study area will be divided in two, with half serving as a control with no barred owl hunting. Scientists will see if spotted owls move back into areas where barred owls have been killed. The four study areas add up to 1,207 square miles, which amounts to 0.05 percent of the northern spotted owl's range. □



**This Feb. 16, 2002 file photo shows a barred owl in Calais, Vt. Associated Press**

but the focus must remain on protecting habitat.

"To move forward with killing barred owls without addressing the fundamental cause of spotted owl declines, from our perspective, is not acceptable," he said.

Henson said the Northwest Forest Plan, which cut logging by 90 percent on national forests in the 1990s, has done a good job of providing habitat for the spotted owl. But the owls'

get to this point. The California Academy of Sciences killed some barred owls in spotted owl territory on the Klamath National Forest in Northern California in 2005, and the owner of some redwood timberlands in Northern California regularly kills barred owls to protect spotted owls.

The idea of killing one type of owl to protect another underscores a fragile balance of nature that biologists have struggled with

## U.S. wilting in a heat wave somehow stuck in reverse

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**  
**AP Science Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** -- The

oppressively hot weather in the Northeast has surprised meteorologists: It's moving backward across America, something that rarely happens.

Normally U.S. weather systems move west to east. The western Atlantic high pressure system behind the hot dry weather started moving east to west last

week and by Tuesday was centered over lower Michigan, said Jon Gottschalck, the operations chief at the National Weather Service's prediction branch.

"It's definitely unusual and going the wrong way," Gottschalck said Thursday. "This is pretty rare."

He said the high pressure is about to return eastward, extending the Northeastern heat wave an extra day or so until the week-

end.

And just before the high pressure moved east to west, a rainy and cooler low pressure system moved from the Mid-Atlantic to Texas, he said. That storm system broke off the jet stream, which is parked up in Canada, and made the U-turn first.

The unusual movement wasn't seen in computer models until four or five days in advance, which

is relatively late for these models so meteorologists were surprised, he said.

Gottschalck said there's no evidence pointing at man-made climate change, but this is likely just natural chaos in the atmosphere. He couldn't say how often these backward weather flows occur, but they are less frequent than once a year. Thursday, the heat index, which factors in humidity, hit 106 degrees in

Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia and was in triple digits along much of the Northeast. The air temperature hit a record 100 at New York City's John F. Kennedy International Airport Thursday, according to the National Weather Service. The weather service issued heat advisories and warnings Thursday for parts of 23 states. More than 141 million people live in those areas. □



## Al-Jazeera America plans live programming 24/7

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Al-Jazeera America's incoming president says people interested in news will get a live program whenever they tune in, even in the middle of the night on a weekend. The new cable news network debuts Aug. 20.

Kate O'Brian, the long-time ABC News executive named this week as its president, said Tuesday the network aims to distinguish itself with serious, in-depth reporting in hopes of standing out from existing TV news outlets.

Cable news networks have occasionally been criticized for being slow to respond to news overnight

when repeats often air — most recently when a Texas state senator held a filibuster to block abortion legislation. O'Brian said Al-Jazeera America will have 12 domestic bureaus when it starts and could add more. □



This 2008 publicity image released by ABC shows Kate O'Brian, former Senior Vice President, News Gathering, ABC News. O'Brian has been named its president of Al Jazeera America.

## Deputies: Amanda Bynes hospitalized after starting fire

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Amanda Bynes has been hospitalized for a mental health evaluation after a witness said he spotted flames on her pant legs from a small gasoline fire in the driveway of a California home. Deputies responding to an emergency call on Monday night said the 27-year-old actress had started the fire in the driveway in Thousand Oaks, county sheriff's Capt. Don Aguilar said. KABC-TV said the flames were fueled by gasoline. Deputies determined that Bynes met the criteria for a mental health hold and took her into custody, where she can be held for 72 hours of observation, Aguilar said. Passer-by An-



In a Tuesday, July 9, 2013 file photo, Amanda Bynes, accompanied by attorney Gerald Shargel, arrives for a court appearance in New York on allegations that she chucked a marijuana bong out the window of her 36th-floor Manhattan apartment.

Associated Press

drew Liverpool told KABC he found Bynes. "It's dark, it's 8:45 and I just see her laying down, stomach up and her pant legs on fire, a trail of, you know, fire and gas, and I pull over," he said. No charges were filed

and responding fire officials did not administer any medical care, Aguilar said. Richard Hutton and David Feldman, who are listed as Bynes' attorneys in industry databases, refused to comment. □

## Carson's 'Tonight' highlights now available online

FRAZIER MOORE

AP Television Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — For the first time, content from "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson" is available for digital download. Starting Tuesday, two volumes of material from the King of Late Night can be purchased from the iTunes store.

A compilation edition (priced at \$14.99) includes highlights from the 1960s through Carson's emotional farewell show and his memorable next-to-last show with guest Bette Midler, which aired in 1992. A second volume (\$19.99) features 16 "Tonight" episodes with some of Carson's favorite guests, including Don Rickles, Jay Leno, Steve Martin, Jerry Seinfeld, Betty White, David Letterman and Ellen DeGeneres in one of her first TV appearances. Roughly half the material has never been available before in any form of home video, said Jeff Sotzing, president of Carson Entertainment Group, which is releasing the nearly 15 hours collection.



In this May 22, 1992, file photo, talk show host Johnny Carson, right, appears with the show's announcer Ed McMahon during the final taping of the "Tonight Show" in Burbank, Calif.

Associated Press

In addition, a selection of 50 "Tonight"-derived alert tones (with such signature catchphrases as "Here's Johnny!", "Hi-yo!" and "We'll be right back") will be available for 99 cents

each. This online release follows the digitization of 4,500 hours of "Tonight" hosted by Carson during his 30-year run on NBC. Sotzing, a former "Tonight"

producer (and Carson's nephew), drew on past experience assembling the "Tonight" anniversary shows in culling material for the new releases. "I have a pretty good sense

of where the nuggets can be found," he said. "We go back and try to find things that are representative of what the show was and that are still entertaining." □



## U. S. town: Snooki and storm rebuilding don't mix

BERKELEY TOWNSHIP, New Jersey (AP) — Some residents of a Jersey shore town say they don't want reality star Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi to benefit from efforts to rebuild from Superstorm Sandy.

Berkeley Township residents and officials say Polizzi plans to vacation and film in a house there for the new season of her "Jersey Shore" spinoff, "Snooki and JWoww."

Some homeowners have hired a lawyer to try to block production.

The Star-Ledger of Newark reports that dozens of people attended a council meeting Monday, and many of them blasted township officials, fearing a

circus-like atmosphere.

Polizzi writes on Instagram that she doesn't understand why people want to ban her, her son and fiancé from enjoying summer at the shore. She went on to say, "Grow up, get over yourself and move on." □



**In this Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 file photo, Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi attends a media event to announce her new venture, Team Snooki Boxing and the upcoming boxing matches featuring Ireland's Hyland brothers, in New York.**

Associated Press



**R&B singer Chris Brown appears during a court hearing at Los Angeles Superior court in Los Angeles Monday, July 15, 2013.**

Associated Press

## Minor charges dropped in Chris Brown traffic case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Singer Chris Brown's lawyer has entered a not-guilty plea for him to a hit-and-run charge that led to his parole being revoked.

A spokesman for the Los Angeles city attorney's office says charges of driving without a license and driving without proof of insurance were dismissed Tuesday after Brown's attorney presented proof he was licensed in Virginia. Brown was charged after a May 12 traffic accident in which he is suspected of rear-ending a car stopped at a red light and refusing to give the other driver his license or insurance information. The singer has been on felony probation in the 2009 beating of former girlfriend Rihanna. A judge revoked his probation last week and ordered a hearing. His trial in the hit-and-run case is set for Aug. 15.



**Hugh Jackman arrives for the UK Premiere of The Wolverine, at a central London cinema in Leicester Square, Tuesday, July 16, 2013.**

Associated Press

## Jackman calls 'Wolverine' a career-defining role



**This publicity photo released by Twentieth Century Fox shows Hugh Jackman as Logan/Wolverine in a scene from the film, "The Wolverine."**

Associated Press

**JOHN CARUCCI**  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Whether performing on a Broadway stage, singing in a movie musical, or hosting the Oscars, Hugh Jackman approaches them all with equal intensity. Yet, when he dons Adamantium bone claws in "Wolverine," the 44-year old actor admits that something magical happens.

"It may be the strongest of all the roles I've played," Jackman says of the "X-Men" antihero.

When the Australian actor

sat down with the Associated Press before Friday's opening of "Wolverine," he honored the icon comic book character with appropriately trimmed facial hair showing off Logan's signature muttonchops. And why not? It's the role that launched his career in the first "X-Men" film. He's already played the character six times already, and is currently shooting a seventh installment due in 2014.

"There's four or five roles that end up being the foundation of your entire career. There's no doubt to me that this (Wolverine) is one of them."

As a fan of the comic book series, Jackman says this one was important for him. "I wanted to make (this movie) for 13 years when I first read that samurai story," the actor said. "I just think seeing this character in that world, juxtaposed with Japan in every way, I thought it was perfect and to see him battle with his powers, which really gives him an almost immortality." While there's immortality to Logan, the operative word for the man who plays him is versatility. Jackman seems every bit as comfortable in an action film as he does in a Broadway musi-

cal. It's an adaptability he attributes to a bygone era. "I'm more of kind of a throwback kind of actor. This is how all actors had to make a living 40, 50 years ago," Jackman explained. "When Clint Eastwood was under (studio) contract ... he would do musicals, he would do cowboy drama. Jackman credits his training back home for preparing him for a wide range of roles. But he also acknowledges the core intent had more to do with survival.

"The nature of acting in Australia is you need to be up for everything. If you want to make a living, if you want to pay the rent, you've got to be able to do everything. There's only 10 movies made a year so that's natural to me," he said.

Part of Jackman's fascination with the Logan character lies in the duality between the human and the animal. The actor says the key is to balance the chaotic and controlled emotions within him.

"On one level you can say I'm playing a guy with weird hair and claws coming out of his hands, but actually he's incredibly human and a great sort of anti-hero and tragic figure," Jackman said. □



# Barack And Trayvon



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On Friday President Barack Obama picked at America's racial wound, and it bled a bit.

Despite persistent attempts by some to divest the Trayvon Martin-George Zimmerman tragedy of its racial resonance, the president refused to allow it.

During a news briefing, Obama spoke of the case, soberly and deliberately, in an aching personal tone, saying: "You know, when Trayvon Martin was first shot, I said that this could have been my son. Another way of saying that is Trayvon Martin could have been me 35 years ago."

With that statement, an exalted black man found kinship with a buried black boy, the two inextricably linked by inescapable biases, one expressing the pains and peril of living behind the veil of his brown skin while the other no longer could.

With his statements, the president dispensed with the pedantic and made the tragedy personal.

He spoke of his own experiences with subtle biases, hinting at the psychological violence it does to the spirit - being followed around in stores when shopping, hearing the locking of car doors when you approach, noticing the clutching of purses as you enter an elevator.

It is in these subtleties that black folks are forever forced to box with shadows, forever forced to recognize their otherness and their inability to simply blend.

In "The Souls of Black Folk," W.E.B. Du Bois described this phenomenon thus:

"It is a peculiar sensation, this double-consciousness, this sense of always looking at one's self through the eyes of others, of measuring one's soul by the tape of a world that looks on in amused contempt and pity. One ever feels his two-ness - an American, a Negro; two souls, two thoughts two unreconciled strivings; two warring ideals in one dark body, whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder."

Surely, much has changed in America since Du Bois wrote those lines more than a century ago - namely, bias tends to be expressed structurally rather than on an individual level - but the "two-ness" remains. The reality

of being marked, denied and diminished for being America's darker sons persists, even for a man who rose to become one of America's brightest lights.

And while words are not actions or solutions, giving voice to a people's pain from The People's house has power.

On Friday the president reached past one man and one boy and one case in one small Florida town, across centuries of slavery and oppression and discrimination and self-destructive behavior, and sought to place this charged case in a cultural context.

It can be too easy when speaking of race, bias, stereotypes and inequality to arrive at simplistic explanations. There is often a tendency to separate legacy traumas and cultural conditioning from personal responsibility, but it cannot be done. The truth is that racial realities are complicated, weaving all these factors into a single fabric.

There is no denying that an enormous amount of violence - both physical and psychological - is aimed at black men. That violence is both interracial and intraracial. Too many black men inflict that violence on one another, feeding a self-destructive cycle of victimization until hope is crushed to the ground and opportunity seems beyond the sky. All of this must be considered when we speak of race, and those conversations cannot be a communion of the aggrieved. All parties must acknowledge and accept their role in the problems for us to solve them. Only when the burden of bias is shared - only when we can empathize with the feelings of "the other" - can we move beyond injury to healing.

Yes, we should encourage young black men to value themselves and make better choices that reflect that value.

But we must also acknowledge that poverty is sticky and despair, dogged. The legacy effects of American oppression - which destroyed families, ingrained cultural violence, and denied generations of African-Americans the luxury of accruing and transferring intergenerational wealth - cannot simply be written off.

Most blacks don't believe that racial prejudice is the whole of black people's problems today, or is even chief among them. According to a Gallup poll released Friday, only 37 percent of blacks believe that the fact that they, on average, have worse jobs, income and housing, is "mostly" because of discrimination.

But it would be hard to argue that bias plays no role, even if it's immeasurable.

That's why there was value in the president of the United States acknowledging his "two-ness" on Friday and connecting with Trayvon Martin - because we can never lose sight of the fact that biases and stereotypes and violence are part of a black man's burden in America, no matter that man's station.

We could all have been Trayvon.



## Boston's Tender Gangster Romance



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BOSTON - It was a subtle distinction, for a psychopath.

"I loved her," Stevie "The Rifleman" Flemmi said of his onetime girlfriend, Debbie Davis, a sparkling blond Farrah Fawcett look-alike, "but I was not in love with her."

That's fortunate, since it would have made it ever so much harder to plan the 26-year-old's 1981 murder, look into her eyes as she was strangled in your parents' house, strip off her clothes, yank out her teeth and then dig her grave in marshland by the Neponset River.

Detering identification was his specialty. He was the one who pulled the teeth out of corpses. He was so meticulous at his job that his partner in the Winter Hill gang, Whitey Bulger, had his girlfriend, the dental hygienist, get Flemmi a proper set of extraction tools.

It's hard to imagine now, seeing the two old wiseguys snarling expletives at each other in court - Dracula battling Frankenstein, as one Boston lawyer told The Associated Press. The 79-year-old Flemmi is hard of hearing and wears a cheesy windbreaker. But back in the day, Stevie and Whitey fancied themselves rat-a-tat-tat Romeos. Flemmi has said he was more adept with the ladies, but then, his taste ran to under-age girls.

The primary triangle in the Winter Hill gang involved Flemmi, Bulger and an FBI agent named John Connolly.

Whitey and Stevie got close in 1974, drawn together, funnily enough, by their clean-living ways. "He didn't drink, he didn't smoke, he worked out regularly," said Flemmi, who described their relationship as "strictly criminal." And, though Bulger risibly keeps denying it, he worked as a rat for Connolly, another Southie who had grown up in awe of Whitey and his political kingpin brother, Billy. Connolly and Bulger took walks on the beach, and Bulger gave the FBI agent a diamond ring for his girlfriend and envelopes full of cash for vacations and at Christmas.

In return for being that most loathed thing in Irish culture, an informant, and providing information about the Mafia, Bulger got protection and tips from Connolly. That allowed him to play Jimmy Cagney, dispatching underworld enemies. He also got the signal to go on the lam.

"It's always good to have connections in law enforcement" to survive, Flemmi said, noting that they had about a half-dozen FBI agents on the payroll.

"Zip" Connolly began swanning around spending his ill-gotten gains - \$230,000 over the years - on flashy clothes and a boat.

Whitey made the agent sell the boat, and he cut back on Zip's cash payments. "If he needed it," Flemmi said, "he was going to have to explain what he wanted to do with it."

Flemmi was also a rat, recruited even earlier by a different corrupt FBI agent. The 83-year-old Bulger, neat and upright in jeans and sneakers, must have been seething as his former "associate" fingered him for his "numerous, numerous" meetings with the FBI, even though everyone already regards him as a cheese-eating rat fink, the inspiration for Jack Nicholson's character in "The Departed."

Then there was the other deadly B-movie triangle. The 38-year-old Flemmi met Debbie Davis, who was working for a fence, when she was married and 17. Both got divorces, and Flemmi lavished her with a Mercedes, jewelry and vacations.

Whitey - "a low-key sort of a guy," according to Stevie - was once more upset by the ostentation. And the competition.

"He wasn't too happy with my relationship with her because it started to interfere with my business," Flemmi said. "She required a lot of attention. She was a young girl."

Whitey called one night to summon Stevie while they were out celebrating Debbie's birthday. "She said, 'You meet him all the time during the day, why do you have to meet him now?'" Flemmi recalled.

Trying to assuage her, Flemmi "blurted out inadvertently" that they needed to see their FBI connection, Connolly.

Flemmi said that when Whitey learned of the slip, he ordered her killed because they owed it to Connolly.

"I couldn't do it," Flemmi said. "He knew it. He says, 'I'll take care of it.'" They continued to work together until 1994, but the sour taste lingered. "It affected me, and it's going to affect me till the day I die," Flemmi said.

Stevie lured Debbie to the house in South Boston - facing Billy Bulger's house - under the pretext of wanting decorating tips. Whitey claims he would no more kill a woman than be a rat. But Flemmi says Bulger grabbed Debbie by the neck as soon as they walked in and strangled her "all the way down to the basement."

One juror cried as Flemmi told the grisly tale of wrapping Debbie in a tarp, throwing her in the trunk and driving her to Quincy.

"I dug the hole," Flemmi said, while Whitey sat on the side and watched. In a weary, bitter tone, the Rifleman concluded, "That's what he does."



# All Fads Aside, A True Macaron Is Timeless

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**NANCY, France** - In the back of a pastry shop in this city in eastern France is a small kitchen that holds a secret.

It is here that Nicolas Génot comes early every morning, shuts the sliding door tight behind him and transforms ground almonds, egg whites and sugar into cookies called macarons. He works alone. Not even

while the Nancy macarons are timeless, their trendy present-day cousins are going through strange times. What was once the most exquisite of small pleasures, the most elegant hostess gift you could buy, is everywhere today, as ordinary as Oreos. Some are good, some not so good. Some have ketchup in the middle. Some are from McDonald's.

Of course none of this mat-

not, who runs Maison des Soeurs Macarons (House of the Macarons Sisters) in Nancy. "We keep it pure. We keep the secret."

Blame the macaron's downfall on Marie Antoinette: Sofia Coppola's film "Marie Antoinette," that is. Coppola decorated Versailles with macaron pyramids from Ladurée in shades that matched the pastel dresses of the teenage queen and her court.

was invited to his kitchen to learn to make them.

Two men in his kitchen turn out about 3,000 macarons a day in four flavors. I watched as one made a pistachio-flavored filling while the other squeezed out the meringue-based cookie shells onto baking sheets, ending them in comma-like swirls. Delmontel handed me the metal-tipped pastry bag, cupped his hand around

herself sleeping on a mattress on the floor of a temporary flat full of horsehair-stuffed furniture that triggered her allergies.

I marched her straight over to the macaron counter in the food hall of the Bon Marché department store. Hundreds of pillows of sugar and meringue in riotous colors beckoned.

We bought a box of a dozen, all of them different. She chose bright lemon yellow; I chose coffee. Together, we bit into the crusts, as smooth as - but thinner than - eggshells. Our tongues sunk deep into the meringue until they hit the smooth richness of the centers. We repeated the ritual, over and over. I can't remember if we ate the whole box. But at that moment, all was right with the world.

## NANCY MACARONS

Adapted from "Cuisinière Lorraine" by Elisabeth Denis

Time: About 30 minutes  
3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar

1 1/4 cup almond flour or meal

2 egg whites (from large eggs)

2 teaspoons water

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

2. In a medium bowl, make a paste using 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar and 2 teaspoons water.

3. Add almond meal and unwhisked egg whites and mix. Add remaining 1/2 cup sugar and mix until thoroughly combined.

4. Transfer batter to a pastry bag fitted with a smooth tip; pipe out circles about the size of quarters, spacing each disk at least an inch apart. Rap the pans on the counter a few times to even out batter and eliminate air bubbles.

5. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until edges are golden but centers are still light and slightly soft.

Let cookies cool on baking sheets for a few minutes to set.

Yield: Approximately 40 2-inch cookies. □



Macarons from Arnaud Delmontel's bakery in Paris, July 5, 2013. Versions of the French pastry may be everywhere, from McDonald's to hit TV shows, but for the cookie's old guard the focus remains on adherence to tradition.

(Damien Lafargue/The New York Times)

his wife is allowed in.

This macaron - round, unadorned, with rough fissures in its crisp golden crust - is made from a centuries-old recipe. In 1792, two Benedictine nuns, driven from their convent after France's post-revolutionary government banned religious orders, took refuge with a local doctor and made a living making macarons. Their recipe has been passed down in secret ever since.

These are the rustic original macarons that begot the smooth-topped, puffed up, ganache-filled, pastel food-colored sandwich confections we know. But

ters to Génot, the baker of the classic macaron, which I sampled from the parchment paper on a tray still warm from the oven. It was crisp on the outside and moist and soft in the middle, with just enough chew. It took me back to Buffalo, N.Y., to the pignoli, a Sicilian version of macarons studded with pine nuts that my Aunt Lili made in huge batches at Christmas. Like Génot, she kept her recipe secret, not by withholding it, but by slightly altering proportions of the ingredients in every retelling.

"Ours are the originals, the macarons of the French Revolution," said Gé-

Ladurée created a Marie Antoinette macaron for the occasion: rose with anise.

Never mind that sandwich macarons didn't exist in pre-revolutionary France. By 2007, McDonald's had introduced six flavors of macarons in its McCafés. (Billboards in the Paris Metro earlier this year promoted a McDonald's macaron and an espresso in a porcelain cup and saucer for just 1.50 euros.)

But try hard enough and you can find small-scale bakers making great macarons, like Arnaud Delmontel, a baker and pastry chef in my neighborhood. I

mine and ordered me to squeeze. "I squeeze, I squeeze, I squeeze, I squeeze," he said. I did what I was told; let's just say my squeezes and swirls were done with panache.

The baking sheets were pounded on the counter 20 times or more to make the cookies uniform. They sat for 30 to 60 minutes before they were baked and then refrigerated before they were filled.

They reminded me of the macarons I bought years ago, when friends from New York moved to Paris and their 7-year-old daughter, Louisa, found